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## SPECTACLES — Hocus Pocus

PHOTO BY SARA BRAINARD '01.

**Eddie Magic entertained students at *The Little Pub* Wednesday night.**

# Forum kicks off Black History Celebration '98

By Cristen Sargent '01
News Co-Editor

With February designated as Black History Month, the division of Multicultural Studies has a plethora of interesting and enlightening activities planned to help recognize the achievements and contributions that African-Americans have made to world history.

"Black History Month is inclusive," said Tom Royal, Director of Multicultural Studies. "This is a matter of celebrating and understanding different cultures. I think everyone can benefit from attending these types of events."

One need only to look at the schedules posted around campus and in the dining halls to see the breadth and depth of planned events happening throughout the semester, including lectures, films, discussions and musical performances. Royal explained that although only February is designated as Black History Month, there is no reason not to extend the celebration.

The Men of Color Conference, held last Saturday, January 31, was the first main scheduled event. The sixth annual, day-long forum was designed to get men together to brainstorm and think proactively. Sixty men from ten colleges, including Syracuse University and Utica College, attended this year's conference and former NBA basketball player Dwayne Washington was the invited keynote speaker.

"Everybody has their role to play," said Royal, referring to this year's conference theme, "How are we giving back to our communities?"

"It should be a privilege to give back to our communities. In talking to Mr. Washington, he realized how important life is, and he's decided to go back to teach. It was really powerful."

Dr. Carter G. Woodson founded Black History Month, which he originally titled "Negro History Week," in 1916. He chose February because it includes the birthdays of both

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# Levitt Center scholars research rising poverty

By Scott Von Duhn '01
News Staff Writer

The number of people who are living below the poverty level — particularly children — is climbing both locally and statewide, according to data released by the Social Needs Forum last Friday.

Kimberly Torres '97, Arthur Levitt Center Research Coordinator and Chris Plecs '99 and Robert Wild '98, presented this information to people working in human services, charities, schools, and employment services throughout Oneida County. The students worked for the last six months to compile their presentation and organize the data into a 30 minute slide show. The meeting was held at 9:00 a.m., January 30 at Mohawk Valley Community College.

The forum intended to bring these human service workers together to discuss the rising trends in poverty collected from the Census Bureau. Oneida is one of ten New York counties with the highest rate of poverty among children ages 18 and under. The overall number of poor children is growing even faster than the rate of all poor people in the state and county.

And those figures are getting even higher, the demographics suggest, not only because of fewer job opportunities, but because more and more people above the poverty line are leaving Oneida County. It is possible to speculate that people are leaving either to find jobs in areas with growing markets, or because they see the job pool shrinking in Oneida County.

The attendees of the forum were brought together in order to coordinate their efforts to better the situation in Oneida County and surrounding areas.

Among the attendees were John Dingman, Chairman of the Oneida County Human Services Funders' Council, and Ralph Eannace, County Executive, who gave opening remarks Friday morning. Eannace realizes the importance of these collaborative efforts.

"The Resource Center is a good example of various sectors working cooperatively to facilitate progress in Oneida County," he

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# Public Advocate Green travels to Hill to announce U.S. Senate candidacy

By Kathy Webber '00
News Staff Writer

Students, faculty, and local news teams eagerly gathered in the Red Pit on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. to hear New York City Public Advocate, Mark Green, formally announce his candidacy for the United States Senate.

The event, sponsored by the Hamilton College Democrats, was part of Green's two-day, nine-city tour of the state in order to kick off his campaign. He began his trip at his former high school in Long Island, Great Neck High School South, and finished at Cornell University where he graduated with honors in 1967.

Green, who was running late from a previous engagement, arrived with his wife and two children at approximately 4:30 p.m. and was greeted with a round of applause from the audience, who had been growing restless.

Flustered, Green introduced his family and apologized for their tardiness and joked, "Sorry we're late. Welcome to a Senate campaign."

An honors graduate Harvard Law School in 1970, Mark Green will be running for Senator against incum-

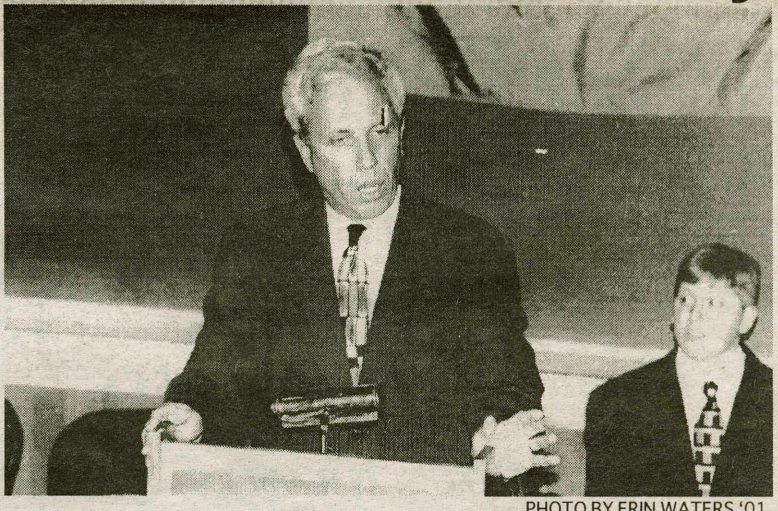

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

**NYC Public Advocate Mark Green delivers his speech as Jeff Ranen '99 looks on.**

bent Alfonse D'Amato (R). In 1986, Green won the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate, but lost the general election to D'Amato.

Green, who began his political career as a White House intern after graduating from Cornell, stated that during that time, "I was trying to make my mark in the world."

He described his goals at that time as those of the typical intern, running errands, making coffee, and ending the Vietnam War.

Now, as the Public Advocate for NYC, Green is next in line to Mayor Giuliani. He answers the complaints of the consumers of New York against the bureaucracy, investigates ineffective agencies and programs, and proposes new solutions to make the government more efficient and accountable.

"I am running [for Senator]," explained Green, "because of my his-

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# Mark Green goes on state tour in bid to oppose D'Amato in Senate race

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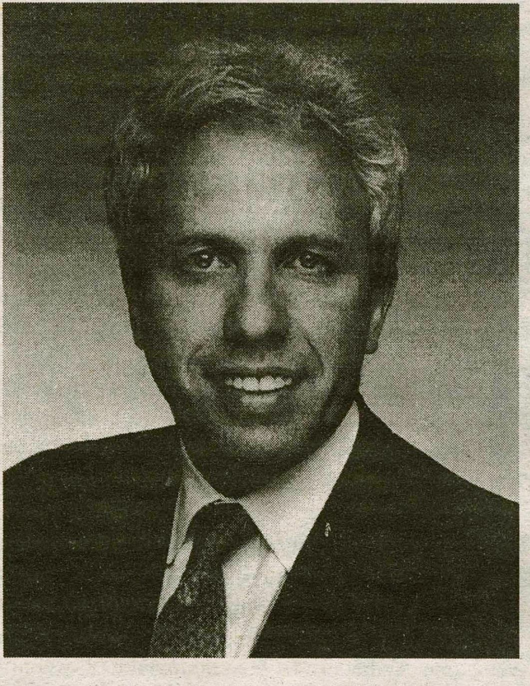
tory as an author, lifelong consumer advocate, and someone who is concerned about the middle class."



Promising to be a "quality of life cop patrolling the bureaucracy beat —without fear or favor or flinching," Green was sworn in as NYC's first Public Advocate on January 2, 1994. In 1997, he was reelected with a 73% majority.

During his term in office, Green initiated the law that broke up the mob-controlled garbage cartel and saved small businesses $500 million annually; created Child Planning and Advocacy Now (C-PLAN) which revealed problems in the Child Welfare Administration; revealed how 12 NYC HMO's withheld crucial information from consumers and cut costs with assembly-line health care; and created national "Kick Butts Day" joined by President Clinton in April 1997 to help teens fight tobacco use.

From 1990-1993, Green served as NYC's Commissioner of Consumer Affairs. Because of Green's service, Nader called him "the best consumer law enforcement official in the country. During 1970-1980, Green was Ralph Nader's top aide in Washington.

Green has written or edited over 15 books including the best sellers, *Who Runs Congress?* and *Reagan's Reign of Error*.

According to Green, new issues will emerge for the country in the 21st century. No longer will the country be unified because it is against Communism, but rather it will have to unify because it stands for something. Green predicts that the power of big money in Washington, HMO's, the military budget, and environmental issues will be key in the near future.

After his brief address of the audience, Green opened the floor for questions before leaving for Cornell University. Students asked questions on issues ranging from Social Security to tobacco and children.

"Tobacco is a predatory industry that gives a time bomb called cancer to children," responded Green who has pursued changes in the legislation concerning tobacco advertising aimed at children.

One student asked what he thought the biggest issue facing young adults is today. Green explained that democracy and the democratic machine is of the utmost importance for students today. He advocates new approaches to registration and voting access. For his final comments to the audience, Green explained that his daughter urged him to encourage students to vote and become involved in the democratic process.

"If you don't, you are only a spectator in the great experiment called democracy," said Green.

Before he left, Green apologized again for his limited time and stated that if he was invited to come back next year he would, whether or not he won the election for senator.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# W. E. Wright, Professor Emeritus, passes away

BY SPECTATOR STAFF

In a campus-wide memo, Vice President Daniel O'Leary informed the community of its loss of Professor Emeritus Warren Earl Wright. He passed away on Thursday morning at the Heritage Nursing Home in Utica after an illness of several months.

Warren Wright did his undergraduate work and took his Masters at Emerson College (A.B. Speech, 1951, M.A. Speech, 1952) and completed his doctoral study at the University of Illinois (Ph.D., 1960). He joined the Hamilton faculty in 1960 as an Instructor in Speech, was promoted to Assistant Professor in 1963, Associate Professor in 1966, Professor in 1975, and held the Upson Professorship during his tenure at Hamilton. He retired from full-time teaching in 1992.

"He will be greatly missed by his many friends and colleagues," wrote O'Leary. "We send our sympathy to his wife JoElyn, and condolences to his entire family."

Anyone wishing to send personal expressions of sympathy may do so to JoElyn Wakefield-Wright, 3904 Griffin Road, Clinton, 13323.

A memorial service will be held in the Chapel on Thursday, February 12, at 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, you may make a donation to the Hamilton College Scholarship Fund.

# Levitt Scholars: Oneida County poverty on rise

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said.

Bruce Brodsky, president of the United Way of Greater Utica, made several statements concerning the decline of welfare support for the county.

"I don't think the United Way or any charitable organization will be able to replace what was previously provided for by government," he said.

Brodsky also addressed the concern over the working poor of Oneida County. Even people that make 185% of the $16,000 dollars considered to be the poverty line, are still considered poor by most standards. A small family can not even make ends meet on such an income. The problem he noticed was not just a lack of jobs, but with the kinds of work available. The working poor move from one entry-level job to another, never making much more than $10 an hour.

The data showed that over 28% of people in Oneida County were in the working poor level or below. And of course this doesn't even focus just on children, who seemed to make up the majority of the people who are considered poor, and are the ones who suffer the most.

Rev. Fred Daley, expressed his concern for the children and the inability of these families to ever escape from poverty.

"It's disturbing, the number of children who depend on Hope House for their only hot meal," said Daley.

The Hope House serves over 5,000 meals each month.

# Adventure Program plans outdoor activities

BY SPECTATOR STAFF

The Adventure Program plans to unveil its Great Fun Series with a number of workshops, seminars and gatherings of interest to those who enjoy outdoor activities. It provides a good opportunity for those thinking of leading trips for Adirondack Adventure, the Outing Club and the Adventure Program. No previous experience is necessary for these types of event. The following is the schedule of events for this semester.:

**February 11: KNOTS** — Everything from a granny knot to a double gusseted hernia hitch. Five feet of rope required. 8:00 p.m. in the Science Auditorium.

**February 18: LEADERSHIP** — A mix of theory and practise, presentation and anarchy. What is your definition of a good leader? What do others think? What do the theories say? What did some of the trustees think about this? 8:00 p.m. in the Science Auditorium.

**February 25: SLIDE SHOW** — Local wilderness adventurer Brad Vrooman (owner of Northern Outfitters in New York Mills) will present slides and talk on two recent trips; Kayaking the Grand Canyon and Climbing Mt. Denali. 8:00 p.m. in the Science Auditorium.

**March 4: MAP and COMPASS** – – Practical instruction. Maps and compasses provided. 8:00 p.m. in the Science Auditorium.

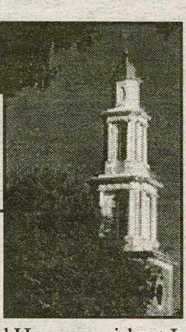
**March 11: GAMES** — Presentation techniques, sequencing, and safety considerations. 8:00 p.m. in the Events Barn.

**April 8: BELAY SCHOOL** — Learn how to suspend your friends from great heights. Belaying is what rock climbers and ropes course people do to keep climbers safe at heights. Learn up to five different techniques, including the 'slip, slap and slide' and the 'butt belay'. 8:00 p.m., location TBA.

**April 15: PARTICIPANT'S CHOICE** — Input from those who have attended previous sessions will be used to decide what to do tonight. 8:00 p.m., location TBA.

All sessions will last about an hour and a half to two hours. Any questions, comments or feedback, should be directed to Andrew Jillings, Co-ordinator of Adventure Programming, at x4272 or AA@hamilton.edu.

# IVORY TOWERS



THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

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## Harvard student testifies in Clinton inquiry

(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Kirkland House resident J. Caroline Self '99 testified before a grand jury in Washington, D.C., yesterday, in the latest round of investigations into President Clinton's alleged sexual piccadilloes.

Self worked as an intern in the office of President Clinton's personal secretary, Betty Currie, from June 1996 to December 1996. During that time, she allegedly signed for most of the packages former White House intern Monica S. Lewinsky mailed to the executive mansion after she began working at the Pentagon.

"I know of no improper relationship between the president and Monica Lewinsky or any other White House intern," Self said yesterday at an ad hoc press conference outside the U.S. Court House.

Self did not comment to the national press about her testimony to the grand jury.

She also declined to discuss allegations that she signed for packages. Her father, Hank Self, who is her lawyer, said that she "signed for a lot of packages [in general]."

Deborah E. Gershman, press spokesperson for Special Prosecutor Kenneth W. Starr, would not discuss Self's testimony with The Crimson.

Starr told CNN yesterday that he plans to pursue an aggressive investigation.

"We are trying to get to the truth of what would be, if proven, serious charges," he told CNN.

On NBC's Today Show, James Carville, a senior adviser to President Clinton, said Lewinsky visited the White House 36 times between April 1996 and December 1997.

Although Self worked at the White House during the latter half of Lewinsky's alleged visits, she told reporters that Lewinsky "didn't know" her.

Self also vindicated the much-ballyhooed White House intern program a yesterday's press conference.

"I continue to have the utmost respect for the President, his staff and his agenda," she said.

Self's family said they were proud of her.

"I can't think of anything more exciting than my granddaughter being on the world news," said Self's grandmother, Shirley W. Self.

## Ten U of F students charged in murder

(U-WIRE) GAINESVILLE, Fla. — UF business administration senior Fernando Aquiles Capablanca stood in court Tuesday morning and pleaded not guilty to accessory to murder after the fact.

His predicament, officials alleged, is the result of a 10-hour stretch one December night that forever changed his life and the lives of four other Gainesville students.

In the early morning hours of Dec. 14, a man was killed. Ralph Alphonso Vasquez was left beaten and shot in Newberry's Watermelon Pond Park, the final act of a sweet drug deal gone sour.

Now 10 people, including Capablanca and four Santa Fe Community College students, are charged with the drug-related crime and if convicted, one could get the death penalty.

So far, eight people have pleaded not guilty to the crime. Chretien, Escalante, Buttermore, Jupiter, Ricci and Watson are being charged with kidnapping and murder. Capablanca and White are charged with accessory to murder after the fact.

There also is a warrant out for the arrest of a 10th suspect, Anthony Jones, who investigators believe is out of the country and possibly hiding out in Germany, said ASO spokesman Sgt. James Troiano.

An 11th suspect in the case, 31-year-old Mike Gibbons, was found dead from a drug overdose the night of the killing.

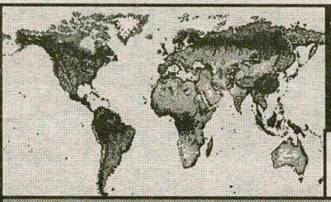
Those charged in the crime have small prior records, all less than half a page long.

Vasquez, however, had a two-page criminal history and had served time for aggravated battery.

State Prosecutor Greg McMahon believes those involved in the crime — including the 22-year-old victim who got out of jail on an aggravated battery conviction only 12 days before he was killed — all knew each other through a drug subculture. He said this subculture stretched further than the alcohol and marijuana consumption that some people might think is typical of college-age people.

"This kind of drug use that led to these kind of charges seems to be ... beyond recreational use," McMahon said. "It's almost a daily thing also associated with the sale of drugs as part of the way to finance the drug use."

# WORLD NEWS



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## Third US aircraft carrier in Gulf

WASHINGTON (AP) — A third U.S. Navy aircraft carrier arrived in the Persian Gulf today as 2,000 Marines on Navy ships with infantry and combat aircraft aboard headed toward the Gulf from the Mediterranean Sea.

President Clinton rejected any suggestion that the United States would take action to depose Saddam Hussein.

"Would the Iraqi people be better off if there were a change in leadership? I certainly think they would be, but that is not what the United Nations has authorized us to do," Clinton said at the start of a White House meeting with British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

The extra firepower assigned to the Persian Gulf was designed to give more flexibility as Clinton contemplates using military force to compel Iraqi compliance with U.N. arms inspections.

As expected, the USS Independence, the oldest ship in the Navy, arrived in the Gulf with its 50 strike aircraft plus support planes to join the USS Nimitz and USS George Washington. The Independence left its home base in Japan last month.

While the administration continued to pursue a diplomatic solution to the standoff with Iraq, Gen. Anthony Zinni, commander of all U.S. forces in the Gulf, requested the additional forces.

Zinni asked for a Marine Expeditionary Unit, a specially tailored group of about 2,000 Marines aboard Navy ships equipped with about two dozen attack and support helicopters, plus amphibious assault vehicles. They include an infantry battalion armed with artillery and other weapons.

They would join 24,400 U.S. military men and women already in the region, most at sea with two aircraft combat carrier battle groups that include 14 combat ships, 11 support vessels and 325 warplanes.

A senior defense official said today Marines aboard a four-ship fleet led by the amphibious assault ship USS Guam started toward the Gulf. The 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit has been operating in the Mediterranean, practicing an am-

## Leftists claim Japan airport attack

TOKYO (AP) — A radical left-wing group took responsibility today for a rocket attack at Tokyo's main international airport and mocked security measures taken for the Nagano Winter Olympics.

In the Monday night attack at the airport 40 miles east of Tokyo, three homemade rockets were fired into a cargo plane area, injuring one airport worker. Two of the projectiles exploded.

The attack came as athletes, officials and spectators were arriving at the airport en route to the Winter Games in Nagano. Police said they had no immediate evidence the rockets were aimed at disrupting the games, which start on Saturday. No arrests have been made.

The timing of the attack is deeply embarrassing to the Japanese government and has caused particular concern in Nagano.

Police set up an 80-member special force to investigate the attack, and additional policemen were joining the 500 police assigned daily to the airport.

The ultra-leftist Revolutionary Workers Association sent letters to Tokyo media outlets today claiming responsibility for the attack, said a spokeswoman for National Police Agency.

In the letter, the group said it was opposed to the construction of a second runway at Narita airport, which opened in 1978. The group also criticized Japan's military alliance with the United States and boasted that they pulled off the attack despite enhanced police presence ahead of the Olympic games.

"We defeated the heavy, counter-revolutionary security for the Olympics," the group said.

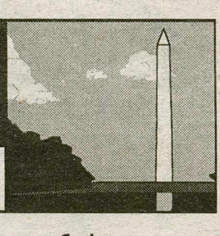
The letter was signed "The Revolutionary Army," which police said is part of the Revolutionary Workers Association.

Leftist groups claim a larger airport could be used for military purposes.

"We will do our best to ensure the safety of dignitaries from home and from abroad and tighten security at all facilities," Yuko Sekiguchi, head of the National Police Agency, said today.

The leftist group said the security guidelines updated last year between Washington and Tokyo "could lead Japan to war and fascism." The guidelines commit Japan to greater cooperation with the U.S. military.

# NATIONAL NEWS



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## Clinton again says charges are false

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton today reiterated his insistence that sexual misconduct allegations against him are false and insisted that he has been cooperating all along with prosecutor Kenneth Starr.

Clinton commented as prosecutors are signaling a hard-line approach in their investigation of an alleged presidential affair and cover-up, giving a cold shoulder to Monica Lewinsky's latest offer to testify and White House efforts to narrow questioning of key presidential aides.

"The charges aren't true," Clinton said during a picture-taking session with British Prime Minister Tony Blair in the Oval Office.

He said he wouldn't comment any further so long as Starr's investigation is underway.

Asked whether he would claim executive privilege to keep any of his aides from answering certain questions before a grand jury, Clinton said no decision had been made.

Pressed on the issue of executive privilege, Clinton said: "For four years we've been cooperating, exhaustively."

He said a claim of executive privilege was "a hypothetical question as far as I know."

"Should it arise, I will await a recommendation from the White House counsel about the institutional responsibilities of the presidency. When I get it, then I'll make a decision."

Asked by a reporter if he wanted to use the occasion to explain the nature of his relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, Clinton said: "I've already said that the charges are false. But there is an ongoing investigation."

"I think it is important that I go back and do the work of the American people that I was hired to do. I think that's what I have to do."

Speaking to reporters in Arkansas, Starr said today he was seeking all the facts in the Lewinsky matter.

"We want the truth. We want all the truth and we want it completely, accurately and we will satisfy ourselves we are getting the truth," he said.

## Storm buffets East coast

Strong winds and high seas buffeted a broad section of the East Coast today, flooding streets, stranding travelers, forcing people to evacuate their homes and leaving tens of thousands without power. As the storm stomped its way north, it also dumped up to a foot of snow in the Appalachians.

"Anything can become a missile in this wind," said Joan Sooy, director of highway safety for New Jersey's Atlantic County, warning people to tie down objects that could blow away.

The death toll grew by at least four this morning, bringing the week's total to 19.

The storm brought tornadoes to southern Florida on Monday before churning to the north, hammering the coast from Georgia to New Jersey with heavy rain and winds as high as 75 mph.

Farther inland, light to moderate snow fell in the lower Ohio Valley this morning, while the Appalachian Mountains to the western areas of Kentucky have seen anywhere from 4 to 15 inches of accumulation in a day and a half. Many roads were snowpacked.

More nasty weather was forecast for today across the Northeast.

Hundreds of motorists were stranded — some up to 18 hours — in a 12-mile traffic jam in the westbound lanes of Interstate 40 in Tennessee. About 600 people went to shelters.

A 20-car train carrying mixed freight southbound to Roanoke, Va., derailed early today after floodwaters from the Maury River swept away an 80-foot section of track. The two-man crew managed to swim out of the river and neither was hurt. Crews were working today to remove the derailed cars and clean up diesel fuel spilled in the crash.

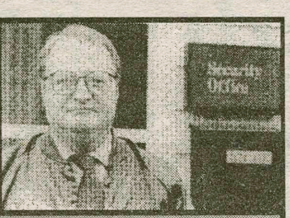
At least 20 house fires broke out in southeastern Virginia after flood waters spread into homes and soaked oil heaters, sparking the blazes. No one was hurt.

Dewey Beach, Del., Mayor Bob Frederick said many of the town's 250 residents voluntarily left Wednesday night. Roads on the narrow strip of sand between the Atlantic Ocean and Rehoboth Bay were impassable, Frederick said this morning.

The brunt of the nor'easter pounding the coast was expected to hit Maryland and Delaware today and many districts closed schools because of flooding.

"It's going to get a lot worse before it gets any better," said Dan Keirns of the National Weather Service. "We're going to get thumped good."

# SECURITY blotter



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**THURSDAY, JANUARY 29**

**10:28 a.m.** Cement dust from construction crew triggers fire alarm in Dunham

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 30**

**7:29 p.m** Medical emergency in Bristol swimming pool
**8:00 p.m.** Disorderly conduct in the Fieldhouse
**9:00 p.m.** Violation of pet policy at Sage Rink
**9:30 p.m.** Disorderly conduct in the Fieldhouse

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31**

**12:05 a.m.** Discharged fire extinguisher sets off fire alarm in Dunham
**12:30 a.m.** Violation of alcohol policy in 3940 Campus Road
**8:46 p.m.** Smoke from cooking triggers fire alarm in Griffin Road Apts.
**9:45 p.m.** Vandalism of College property in Millbank
**10:08 p.m.** Medical emergency in Kirkland dormitory

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

**5:00 p.m.** Larceny of personal property in Sage Rink locker room
**7:45 p.m.** Medical emergency on walkway to Minor
**10:55 p.m.** Medical emergency in Sage Rink

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

**2:07 p.m.** Defective smoke detector sets off fire alarm in Babbitt

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

**3:00 p.m.** Medical emergency in Bundy dining hall

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

**8:10 p.m.** Vandalism to College property in Sage Rink
**11:10 p.m.** Cigar smoke triggers fire alarm in Farmhouse

# Men of Color Conference first in series of multicultural celebrations

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Abraham Lincoln and Frederic Douglass. Dr. Woodson, a Harvard graduate, decided to abandon his successful teaching career to work to restore African Americans to their rightful place in world history. His stated mission was to hand down information about Africans that had been altered, dismissed or ignored.

"I'm glad that there is a Black History Month because the majority of the American population often does not give recognition to the efforts of minorities who have made this country what it is today, be they inventors, or artists or what have you," said Yao Odamtten '98. "It is reaffirming, if anything, of heritage."

Royal hopes that students will attend the "Buffalo Soldiers" exhibit in the Emerson Gallery, and David Lamb's February 21 lecture, "Do Plantanos go with Collard Greens" which he says, "discusses the relationship between African-Americans and Latinos. These are two of the largest multicultural groups, and it's important that they work together."

Other upcoming events include a Caribbean Festival in the Events Barn February 28th, which will feature ethnic food, music and dancing, the Women of Color Conference April 10-12 and Womyn's Energy Week April 20-26.

Black History Celebrations '98 is sponsored by the Africana Studies program, in conjunction with funding from the departments of English, Comparative Literature, History, and Biology; student groups such as HEOP, SHARP, BLSU, La Vanguardia, Rainbow Alliance, and the Multicultural Student Consortium; and administrative offices of Communications & Development , the Kirkland Project, Women's Studies Program, Faculty for Women's Concerns, Wommyn's Community Center, the President, the Chaplaincy, and Multicultural Affairs.

## Black History Month '98: Schedule of Events

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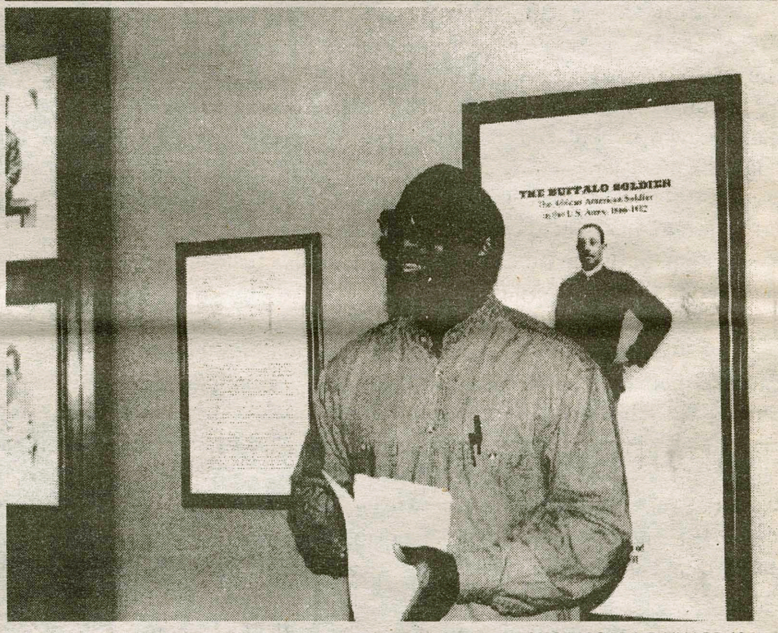
| **2/10** | **FILM: *Sergeant Rutledge* - 7:30 p.m. in KJ Aud** |
| **2/12** | **FILM: *Brother from Another Planet* - 7:30 p.m. in KJ Aud** |
| **2/16** | **FILM: *Flame* - 7:30 p.m. in KJ Aud** |
| **2/18** | **LECTURE: "When the South Won the Civil War: Northern Fears and Nostalgia for 'Old Darkey'" by Marcy Sacks, Visiting Instructor of History - 4:00 p.m. in KJ Red Pit** |
| **2/21** | **LECTURE: "Do Platanos Go with Collared Greens" by David Lamb, publisher and writer - 4:15 p.m. in Beinecke Events Barn** |
| **2/28** | **MUSIC: CaribbeanFestival - 8:00 p.m. in Beinecke Events Barn** |
| **3/3** | **FILM: *Rosewood* - 6:30 p.m. in KJ Aud** |
| **3/12** | **FILM: *For Jobs and Freedom* - 7:30 p.m. in KJ Aud** |
| **4/6-7** | **MUSIC: Mini Jazz Residency by Frank Foster** |
| **4/23** | **LECTURE: "The African-American Woman Writer and Science Fiction" by Octavia Butler 8:00 p.m. in Chapel** |
| **5/2** | **Africana Studies Conference - 9 a.m.-6 p.m. in KJ Aud** |

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**Director of Africana Studies Vincent Odamtten gives his lecture on Monday titled "Buffalo Soldiers: Lessons for the Next Century of Struggle" as part of Black History Celebrations '98.**


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## LECTURES

**Sunday:** Karen Green, Assistant Dean of Students at Agnes Scott College, will be giving the sermon during the Community Church Worship in the Chapel at 11:00 am, this sermon is based on her speech from Thursday entitled "Multiculturalism in the 21st Century".

**Tuesday:** *Sergeant Rutledge*, a film by John Ford (USA '60) will be shown at 7:30 pm in the KJ Auditorium. There will be an introduction given by Scott MacDonald, Professor of English and Film at Utica College and Adjunct Professor of Film at Hamilton College. This film is part of the exhibition *The Buffalo Soldier*. Sponsored by the Emerson Gallery.

**Sunday:** The First Presbyterian Church (1605 Genessee St. in Utica) will hold a piano duet recital performed by Hamilton College faculty members Colleen Pellman and Joyce Ucci.

## FILM

This week's film, *Eve's Bayou*, will be shown on Friday and Sunday at 7:30 pm and Saturday at 10 pm in the KJ Auditorium. Sponsored by Samuel Kirkland Film Society.

## ARTS

**Exhibition:** *The Buffalo Soldier: The African American Soldier in the U.S. Army* will be on display from January 12 to February 22. This exhibition, which is mainly photographs, concerns the first African Americans to serve in the regular peacetime U.S. Army after the Civil War. Hours are Monday - Friday, 12 - 5 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 1 - 5 pm in the Emerson Gallery.

**Friday and Saturday:** There will be a theater production entitled *Soul Sisters* at 8 pm in Minor Theater. Sponsored by the Departments of Music, Theatre and Dance. This show will also be performed **Sunday** at 2 pm.

**Friday and Saturday:** At 8 pm the Hamilton College Choir will perform Gilbert and Sullivan's *Ruddigore* in Wellin Hall. Sponsored by Hamilton College Performing Arts. Performing works from Debussy, Husa, Schubert, and Dvorak. This is a free show. For transportation contact Sam or Colleen Pellman.

## CHECK IT OUT

**Friday:** *The Breakfast Club* will be shown at 11 pm in the KJ Auditorium. Sponsored by Campus Activities Board.

**Saturday and Sunday:** There will be a Ska/Punk event at 3 pm in the Events Barn. Unseen, DLO, and Short Round will be performing. Sponsored by Animal Rights Collective and E.L.S. Fillius Events Barn, Beinecke Student Activities Village.

**Monday:** At 3 pm and 7:30 pm College Course 300 presents Josef Von Sternberg's *The Blue Angel* (Germany '30). It will be shown in the KJ Auditorium.

**Wednesday:** *L'Atalante* by Jean Vigo (France '34) will be shown at 3 pm and 7:30 pm in the KJ Auditorium as part of College Course 300.

**Thursday:** Suzzy Roche and Karen Savoca will perform at 8 pm in the Events Barn as part of the Acoustic Coffeehouse Series. Sponsored by Campus Activities Board.

**FULL WEEKLY EVENTS SCHEDULE http://www.hamilton.edu/**

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| *Deep Rising* | 7:15, 9:55 |
| *Titanic* | 7:00, 11:00 |
| *As Good as it Gets* | 6:40, 9:35 |
| *Good Will Hunting* | 6:35, 9:25 |
| *Spice World* | 6:45, 9:15 |
| *Amistad* | 6:30, 9:30 |

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# Impending icicles dangle from above

By Stephen Mickle '00
Features Writer

Perhaps the biggest understatement of the year. No one should underestimate the power of Hamilton's free-fallin' frozen friends. Icicles seem like Nature's harmless works of art, of all sizes but miraculously identical shape. However, these icy wonders are perilous spears which can and have done worse to humans than the razor-sharp teeth of the killer piranha. And the worst part is you have to worry about them everywhere– piranhas tend to stay in the freshwater tributaries of South and Central America.

Well, things are ok when the weather stays frigid. However, when the sun comes out and the temperatures rise, these icicles behave like volcanoes. Looking beyond the brick, almost medieval architecture of the South Residence Hall, we see a tremendous ice sculpture with schizophrenic tendencies.

At above-freezing temperatures, the top of the icicle, called "the grip," begins to melt and eventually breaks away from the ledge. Passers by who neglect, or simply forget about, the creatures above are the most vulnerable. These hapless roamers are partaking in the game which I have come to call "Hamilton Roulette."

On a more serious note, we must acknowledge that hundreds of people across the world have been injured, even killed, by falling icicles. Perhaps it is hard to imagine that a penny dropped from the Empire State Building could be fatal for he who catches it on the skull. However, it is not hard to believe that an eight foot ice spear stuck through the head of an unlucky student could be deadly. Luckily this did not occur at Hamilton, although we do have incidents of our own. Tour guides aren't taught to hustle their tour groups into dorms for no reason. Two years ago, a very elegant looking woman was hit in the head by a clump of hardened snow right outside of the South. Though she was rushed to the hospital, she was not terribly injured, and luckily for President Tobin, she refrained from what might have been a lucrative lawsuit. Besides humans, vehicles are prime targets, and often suffer pointed dents and broken windshields when parked in the wrong areas.

Is there a cure for what has given an entirely new meaning to the term "hard water" here at Hamilton? Not yet, at least not until Patagonia patents what will be a worldwide breakthrough: the all-steel winter hat coated inside by featherlight fleece. That ought to do the trick, allowing every Hamilton student to venture as close to dormitories as they desire in style– come on; it's time for a new look anyway. Perhaps the North Face will come out with its own model for this new market. The possibilities are endless.

The student consensus at Hamilton is that icicles are a threatening work of Nature, but many often realize this as they are conversing directly under a high frequency drop zone. In the words of Alex Reath '00, "yeah, I got played by one of those icicles last weekend after my trip to see my girlfriend." Some are less concerned about the overall effects of our icicles. In the partially biased words of freshman James Cole, "I hope no hot chicks get hit by icicles." Well, everyone has their own way of interpreting dangers to our scholastic life here on the Hill. The reader should be aware that until May, these icicles aren't kidding around.

# Adler Conference focuses on building leadership among students, faculty

By Emily Hill '01
Features Writer

Photo by Leigh Daily '98

**Jack Spangler '00, Student Assembly Vice President**

Each spring at Hamilton College, a large group of faculty, students, staff and trustees come together to discuss issues that affect the campus, and look for solutions. This annual gathering, called the Adler Conference, has been occurring since the 1970's.

According to Nancy Thompson, the Associate Dean of Students, the conference was traditionally held in the fall and spanned an entire weekend. Due to the many other weekend commitments of both faculty and students, in recent years the conference has been shortened to a full day on Saturday.

The Adler Conference is open to the entire college community, and in the past has drawn anywhere from 50 to 100 people. This large group is divided into several smaller discussion groups. Generally, each small group is headed by one student and one faculty member who each take notes on what is discussed, and serve as facilitators to the discussion.

There is a different theme to the conference every year upon which all of the discussion questions are usually based. Ideas such as campus safety, student rights in the judicial process, or what should go into a social scene are the type of issues that could be debated.

After the group discussions, the group leaders get together and compile summaries of what each group discussed. From there a steering committee takes over, and makes a final report on the issues generated from the conference. Thompson said that often what the committee does is come up with a list of initiatives for the college to consider. Then it is up to the administration to decide whether or not the ideas that were produced are implemented.

This year, the conference is currently in the planning stages, and may or may not take place in the spring. Both Jack Spangler '00, Student Assembly Vice-President, and Thompson agree that if the bulk of the work is done now, it will take place in the fall. In fact, Thompson feels that the fall would actually be a better time to hold the conference, since that leaves a whole year to act on the ideas that were created. On the other hand, if it is held in the spring, everyone involved gets into their plans and then has to leave for summer vacation.

This year, applications for the two chair positions will be available in Beinecke at the office of student activities starting Friday, February 6th. They are due back February 20th for review by the Student Assembly. If you want to get involved with the most current issues at Hamilton College, make sure to pick up an application today! More information for those who just want to participate in the group discussions will be available when the conference nears.

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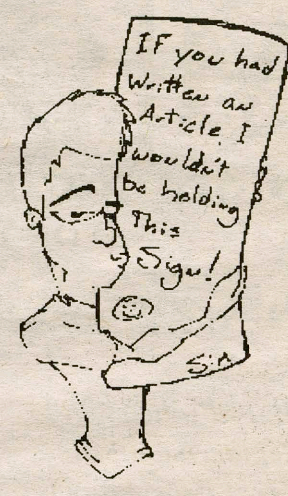


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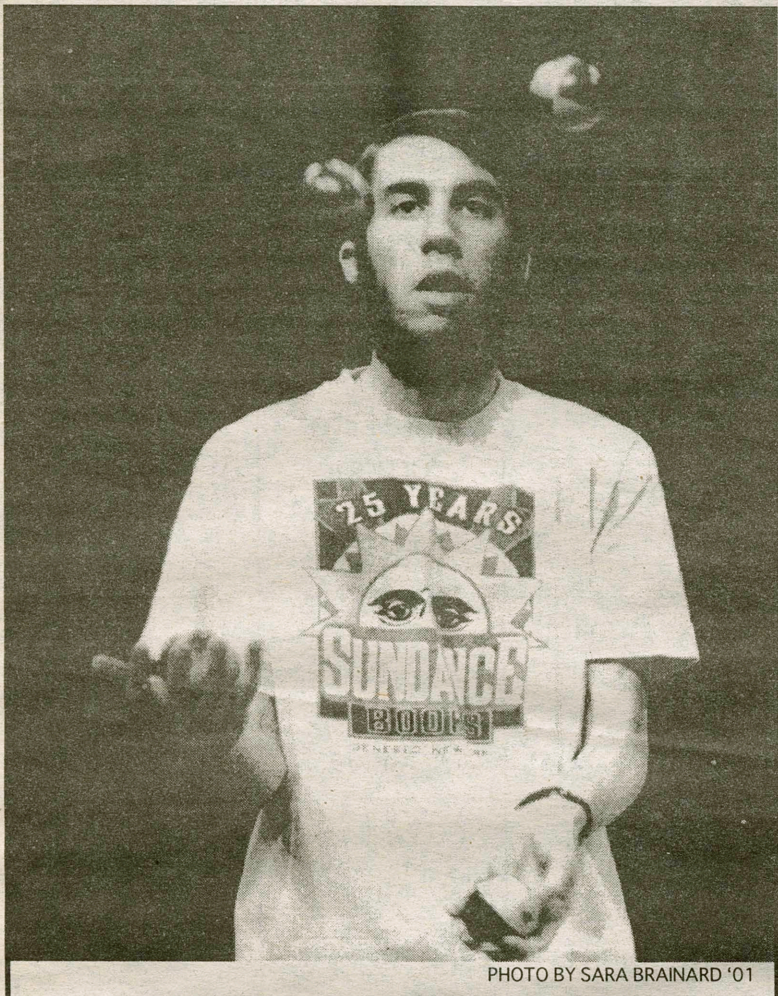


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**Nat Kinsey '99 shows off his talents for the camera.**

# FACES IN THE CROWD

## Nat Kinsey '99

By Shauna Wreschner '00
Features Writer

"I'm a compulsive teacher." Nat Kinsey '99 is a man of many talents: figure skating, juggling and archery. He did not realize that teaching would become one of those talents until much later on.

"I've been skating since the fourth grade. I sort of started by accident," says Kinsey. "My fourth grade teachers organized a Christmas party and if you were one of the kids who had skates, you could go skating. If you did not have skates you sat in the bleachers. I was one of those who sat in the bleachers." It wasn't until his parents later realized his interest that he began to skate.

Kinsey is a non-competitive figure skater. He learned all the traditional jumps and competitive tricks, but realized he did not want to compete. However, it was his love of skating and his talent that led him to teaching. " At the club I skated at, a rule of sorts was that if you were a good skater you 'gave back' by teaching little kids to skate." Kinsey recalls, "I discovered I was a good teacher because all the little kids really learned something. Plus they loved me and had fun learning to skate."

Kinsey had been skating seriously until a little past his senior year in high school, and every year he goes back to the club where he first learned to skate. Time commitments have hindered his ability to skate regularly, and he misses his skating time sorely.

Kinsey's other passion is juggling. When his father tried to teach to juggle at age eight or nine, he was just too young. In his teenage years, he learned to use a "diablo" (a juggling prop). Every year at a festival in Geneseo, Kinsey would admire the work of professional jugglers. There was a small group of guys that would perform each year, called "Just Foolin' Around." Kinsey was impressed by them, and would wait to talk to them after their act. When he told them about mastering the diablo they asked if he had learned how to juggle. He regretfully said, "no."

This went on for several years until one afternoon, Kinsey got so frustrated that he just taught himself to juggle. "Juggling, for me, has the same characteristics as skating. It comes so easily now, that my body understands how the patterns of motion work. When I juggle, it just happens, and when you get to that point it is really cool."

Eventually, Kinsey began to teach juggling to young kids. When he came to campus, Nat became an ITS worker and helped solve computer problems for his peers. When he began thinking about life after graduation, he realized he had been teaching people for most of his life. " I realized that I had been teaching and loved doing it. I was good at it and it was a logical choice of what to do with my life," says Kinsey.

This multitalented student also excels at archery. This hobby landed him a job at Sundance Books, where he works on breaks from classes. "I saw this guy at a shoot [archery competition] that my parents knew, Karl Kuntz, and mentioned it to my Mom. My Mom spoke to him the next day at his store and he offered to take me to shoots. The easiest way to find him was to go to his bookstore, and one day he offered me a job. I accepted the job and I spend my breaks working at the store." Ironically, Kuntz is an expert juggler as well.

Kinsey's other love is photography. "Photo is one of my favorite things because I can't draw or paint, or anything else. Photo for me is a way to express myself through art, but I'm also using my more mathematical and scientific side. Previous to this experience, that was the only side I thought I had." Kinsey took Photography on a whim in high school and continued on into the Introduction and Workshop classes on the Hill. He is not sure where it will lead him in the future, but he is sure it is an activity he does not want to leave behind.

"Come here, let me show you how this works," says Kinsey with a grin. More than anything Nat Kinsey is a man who would love to show you how to do things. He loves science and art. He is an athlete and and a scholar who loves more than anything to share his talents and crafts. Whether he ends up as a coach, teacher, juggler or world class skater, there is something he will always be: a person who loves to learn and impart his knowledge to others.

# RILEY'S

## Occasional Ramblings

## Creative Calisthenics

By Riley Fenner '00
Features Editor

There are many reasons for students here to be angry and unhappy lately, judging by the number of people who want to write Op-Ed articles for the newspaper. Everything from the lack of parties to the lack of available classes, from cold pizza to warm beer, is creating a hostile atmosphere. Everyone knows that exercise is the best way to release aggression, but it's not always feasible or fun to go the fitness center. However, it's possible to find other, creative ways to get a workout and get rid of your anger.

"I get my exercise by cooking. I'm not talking about the kind of cooking that involves pinching spices or sauteing things with light utensils either. When I bake bread, I focus all my energy towards hitting the dough to knead it, like a martial artist breaking a brick. When I'm cooking soup, I stir it up by picking the entire pot up and shaking it around. I get scalded sometimes when it's gotten to a boil, but you know you're getting a good workout when it burns."

"We've been shadow boxing every day when something irritates us. It's a great way to lose your hostility, because you feel like you're really fighting. Occasionally, if something like a snowstorm makes us really angry, we actually make some contact. The bruises I have the next day make me feel happy when things don't go my way. I'm thinking of taking pictures of them to carry around in my wallet."

"I like to exercise my head, rather than my entire body. When I go the gym and start nailing the punching bag with my temples, people tend to move away. It makes sense to exercise the muscle that protects your brain though, doesn't it? I bought a forehead strap that attaches to my weight set, and I use it when I don't have any thinking to do. I saw this sci-fi movie once about the human race becoming just a bunch of talking heads. When that happens, I'll be the strongest, fittest person around."

"I like to take walks for exercise. I get bored on a long walk, though, so I usually just go across the room and back. I have to take a lot more of them and move really quickly, but by the end of the day, I'm tired. Also, because I'm surprising my body every time I get up to walk around, I'm strengthening my reflexes at the same time."

"I get exercise when I smoke cigarettes. I start off by working my lungs, inhaling each drag as deeply as I can. After I've smoked two or three cigarettes in this manner, I take off sprinting as fast as I can, and keep going until I have a coughing fit and fall over. Between the smoking, the running and the coughing, I get a complete cardiovascular workout."

If you don't feel like breathing and walking to your classes is an athletic achievement that you can brag about, don't despair. By being creative, you can make anything into a workout, even sleeping. But if you can't, don't get mad at me, just remember long lines, expensive books, soggy fries and dirty bathrooms.


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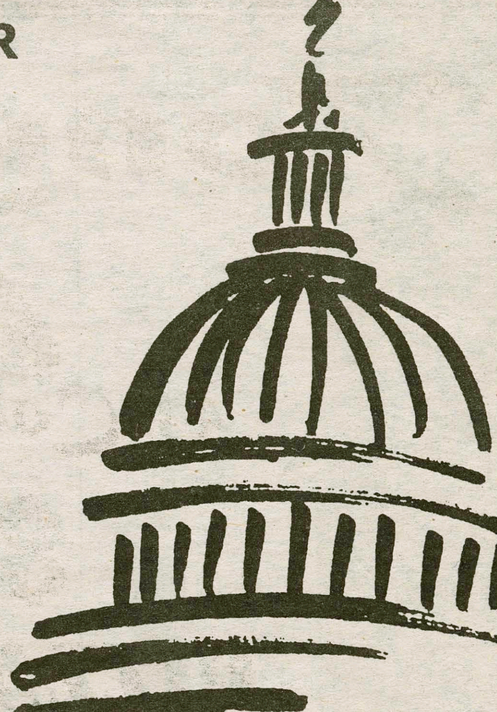

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| 3:30 a.m. to 5:30 a.m. | Good Lovin' Chef<br>Andy, Mike | OPEN | Naked Radio<br>Steve, Pieter | OPEN | Sarah & Co. | Late Nite Porridge<br>Justin | Fire up the Radio, Marge<br>Justin |
| 5:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. | OPEN | Where's the Sun<br>Jason, Sam | Harold & Joe<br>Liz, Shahzada | OPEN | Rage Against Mr. Clean<br>Kathleen, Meghan | The Bitchin' Camero<br>Steve, Jess | OPEN |
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| 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | 2 Jazz Crew<br>Pomme, Matt | Pimper's Paradise<br>James, Jessica | Carribean Blend<br>Waltnel & Co. | Damon & Jiffy Show<br>Damon, Jeff | Gospelicious<br>Ruth, Nadia | Dwight Yokle's Country Jamboree<br>James, Dan | Language Show<br>Language Dept. |
| 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. | Johnny Bluegrass<br>Matt | Dead on Arrival<br>Buzz | Horseshoes & Handgrenades<br>Karl & Co.<br>Peter & Liz in the Afternoon<br>Liz, Peter | Pantalones Express<br>Ben<br>Plumpy Time<br>Elliott | The Dodo Show<br>Adam | Aerodynamics<br>Jeff<br>Honey Poo Poo<br>Charlotte | Roberts, Martha, & the Flash<br>Sam & Co. |
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| 9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. | Jive Elephant<br>Jay, Eli | That's the Way We Like It<br>Sarah, Zoe, Adrienne | Sit & Spin<br>Jenn, James | Eunuch Hayride<br>Colin | Those Bands Suck & should be Destroyed<br>Anthony | Wait Your Turn<br>Morgan | Dead on Arrival<br>Buzz |
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# EDITORIAL

## Hitting the bottle

As our athletic teams continue to set new standards of excellence in the sports arena, the student body has followed suit by setting a record of its own. A series of new laws have been handed down, many of which have been vehemently opposed in residence halls across campus, and yet the *Spectator* received a grand total of two entries for "Letters to the Editor." The frozen tundra has begun to thaw, but the minds of the students remain blanketed and tranquil.

Our failure to act implies acceptance.

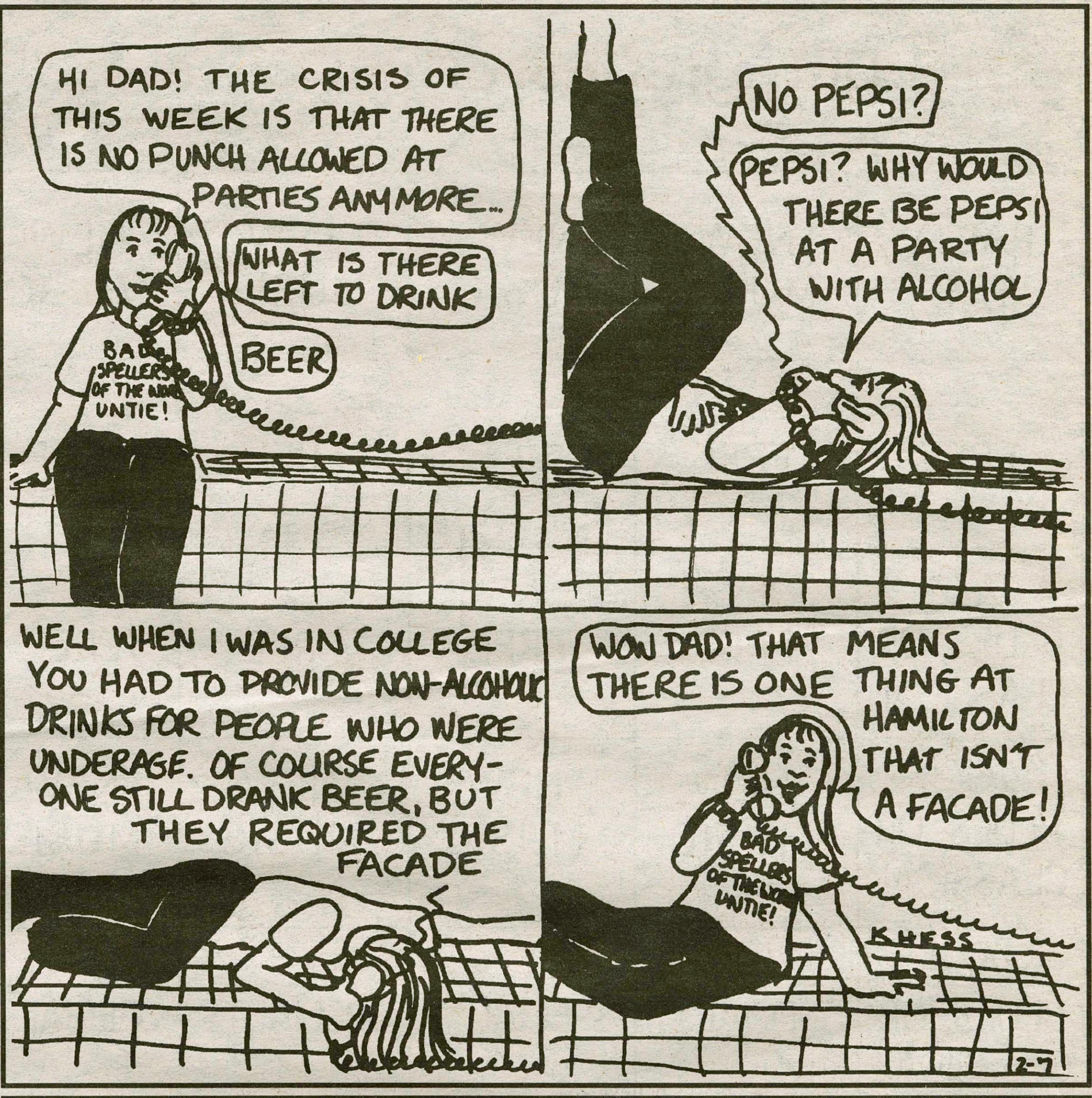
By not forcing our opinions upon college lawmakers, we allow them to enforce whatever rules they see fit. Knowing that the student body rarely puts up a fight, they need not take students' desires into account when creating policies.

A small liberal arts college affords increased opportunities to be heard and recognized among peers, faculty, and administration. The curriculum of the College dictates that we should stand up for our beliefs and convictions.

Rigorous oral and written requirements handed down through generations of Hamiltonians have prepared us to defend our beliefs. We are handed not only the right to express our ideas whatever they may be, but also the means to do it intelligently and logically. Instead of using these tools which we are handed, though, we hand over more of our freedoms through passivity.

We whine and cry about being treating like children; not afforded the opportunity to make our own decisions, but, when it comes to actually taking an active role in policy-making, we prefer to have the administration act as our parents and decide it all for us.

So, put on your bib, get in the high chair, and prepare to suck up what you've been handed; its just what you asked for.

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# LETTERS TO • THE • EDITOR

## A student opposes the "punch decision"; wants to make own decisions

To the editor:

Am I the only one who is puzzled over the punch decision? Why is it that we come to Hamilton to get an education so that we are capable of being responsible adults, yet at the same time we aren't given the chance to excercise our own free will? I am capable of deciding whether to drink punch or not. I know what might be in it, and once in a blue moon, I'll take that chance. However, I want to be able to decide that for myself. I can pick my classes, decide where I live, what I want to do when I graduate, yet I can't decide whether drinking punch would be a good idea! I appreciate the fact that the decision has come about as a way of protecting students, but at this rate I will graduate never really having learned to make decisions, and deal with the consequences. They have all been made for me.

Hamilton is a self-contained community. That is an asset in one sense, but is more detrimental in the long run. In the "real world", there are serious consequences to offenses, whereas here on "the hill", slaps on the wrist are doled out quite liberally. These slaps quickly lead to an "Oh gee...I guess I can get away with it" attitude. Unless we are soon allowed to handle our own fate, we as students, and as the next generation, will not get very far. Whether we're talking about drinking punch, or more signifigant decisions, the fact remains: when we leave this bio-dome on the hill, we're screwed.

**Honey Baer '00**

## A student supports Hamilton's "liberal arts education"

To the editor:

I am writing in response to an article by Najeeb "The Finder" Sheikh on the last issue of the Spectator. I do not, in principle, agree with what the writer of the article said about the liberal arts education. He said that the school should not set course requirements in order to graduate, because "you cannot teach someone to be more aware or respectful of different cultures or to think about ethical issues." I think that Najeeb Sheikh is wrong in saying that if "someone doesn't want to be well-rounded, that person will take the required number of courses from different branches of knowledge and still be unrounded." I think Najeeb Sheikh has underestimated Hamilton students. People choose to come to a school like Hamilton partly because it is a liberal arts college, where a variety of courses are offered. They didn't go to Hamilton just for a major and try to take all the "gut" courses that will fulfill other requirements. The goal of education is to bring knowledge to students, and I do not think that a graduate from Hamilton can be unrounded in any case. Sheikh has made a wrong assumption about the liberal arts schools adopting their requirements. If you don't want to have to fulfill them, go to RPI or some other technical school, or the school that you don't have to take any "art gut course." Then you will not know anything about art, and that I think is truly unrounded. Also, if a person is not aware of the different cultures or ethics around them, it is for them to learn. That's what education is for, especially a liberal arts education, where you teach others and teach yourself about the community you live in. If people are like Najeeb Sheikh, who doesn't comply with the ideology of liberal arts and just want a free ride in their whole college career, it's time for them to reflect upon themselves why they wanted to live in this community.

**Ngoc Do '00**

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# Springer, grades, ornamental assignments; learning to adapt

Scientists all agree that human beings have an incredible abil ity to adapt to their environment. We combat the cold with the furnace. We combat the warmth with the air conditioner. We provide light with electricity and block out light with sunglasses. When we realized the incredible distance between the two coasts of America, we bridged the gap with the Transcontinental Railroad. When we realized that food took too long to cook, we created McDonald's.

Of course, we are not always as adaptable as that. There are many people who have still not accepted Darwin's theory of evolution. My father still uses a typewriter and I have heard rumors that some people still write in long hand. Some still stubbornly watch Dave Letterman when they know damn well that Jay Leno has stolen his routine and made it 'funnier'. So, while we are able to adapt dexterously in some situations, we sometimes find other transitions harder to make.

When we all came to Hamilton, we were faced with a situation which was much different from what most of us were used to. There are some differences that we, as humans, have been able to overcome with great ease and others which seem to have stumped us.

For many of us, one of the biggest differences between our dorm rooms and rooms at home is television. Gene Tobin doesn't let us have cable in our rooms because it gets in the way of our learning and corrupts impressionable young minds. The Hamilton student body has found two ways to adapt to this situation: VCRs and talk shows. It is rare to find a room without a half dozen movies scattered about. If you choose your friends wisely, you end up hanging out with the kid who has every movie made since 1984 stashed away in a trunk or a shelf.

"OLDER AND WISER NOW, WE REALIZE THE TRUTH: TALK SHOWS ARE TRASH AND A GREAT WAY TO SPEND TIME."

CHRIS MACHERA

**CHRIS MACHERA**

**SAYS WHO?**

When we get sick of watching Billy Madison for the thirteenth time, though, we know that Ricki Lake has found someone else who has slept with his (or her) girlfriend's sister or needs a makeover. When we were younger, many of us were led to believe that talk shows were trash and a waste of time. Older and wiser now, we realize the truth: talk shows are trash and a great way to spend time. There is always an interesting collection of people whose sole purpose is to show how sad their life is and make you feel better about yourself. And I stand 100% behind my prediction that Jerry Springer will receive the democratic nomination for president in 1999. So who needs cable?

Another impressive adaptation we have made is to the vigorous demands of a top liberal arts education. I remember that as a freshman, I was given the impression by the syllabus that I actually had to read the text books for which I had paid four hundred dollars. I remembered high school, when teachers taught and even tested us from reading the textbook. College professors, on the other hand, seem simply to be fulfilling their contractual obligation that Hamilton College receives every penny in our pocket when they tell us that a text is required. Apparently, every teacher on this campus could have written a better text than the one we read and are presumably all working on their own. Once you get the textbook, you realize that tests are based solely upon lecture and you begin wondering if the professor ever read the text himself.

Aside from knowing that reading assignments are mostly ornamental, the other thing that helps us drudge along through a "top liberal arts education" is realizing that grades are not as important as everyone says. As you get older and begin looking for internships you realize that the only thing that matters is your connections. The grading system is an opiate of the people. They give us these numbers and letters and, by telling our parents these numbers and letters reflect our worth as people, we are kept in line by stressing out over how to say "please give me an A" in Spanish. There is nothing wrong with getting good grades, but we have all learned that it is pretty hard to get through this place without putting the difference between an A and B into perspective.

As in the real world, though, there are some things that we have not adjusted very well to.. Students inexplicably put up with the food and Gene Tobin. We worry about our appearance and hope that everyone likes us. We smoke and we never get enough sleep. We look down at some people and up at others for all the wrong reasons. But we're only kids and we still have a lot of adapting to do.

# Too much emphasis on The Little Pub; alcohol isn't the only fun

I'm not sure just how many of you actually sit there with your pizza or stuffed shells and read all of the articles in the Spec, but occasionally things are written there that spark emotions. Such was last week's article about how the Hamilton administration has a "NO FUN RULE." The main point of last week's article, whether intentional or not, seemed to be that alcohol and ONLY alcohol equals fun.

It stated that the only good thing that has happened here in the last few years was The Little Pub. Despite the fact that The Little Pub was a gracious gift, students seem to take it for granted, assuming that it is the College's DUTY to provide us with alcohol. How many people who read the article in question actually believe that there are hundreds of 21 year old Hamilton students wandering around aimlessly being denied of their right to consume alcohol? Is this really an issue at all?

Although the article clearly states that the College has an obligation to provide safe places and encourage responsible drinking. This is not at all the case. In no way is it Hamilton's responsibility to provide us with alcohol and a place to drink it. The article stated that as a result of the recent crack-down at The Pub, "the College is encouraging students to drink and drive while going back and forth from the bars of downtown Clinton."

What is happening here is that we are asking for freedom (being able to drink), and at the same time asking for a baby-sitter. Is it someone else's "obligation" to take care of us when we are drunk? If we go to the bars, the jitney will take us back to our dorms. What more can we ask of them? I doubt we'll all have our own personal FREE ride to and from our homes after college.

**RYAN WANGER**

**THIS SIDE OF THE BAR**

Even if every student were of age (which is hardly the case), I don't really see how we can DEMAND and EXPECT something that is a luxury. It's not as though the College is depriving us of food or water. Whether or not the College likes it, Pub or no Pub, EVERYONE here has access to alcohol. The College was not obligated to build the Pub, it chose to do so, yet all are ungrateful.

The article also noted that drinking at the Pub is safer because there has never been an EMT emergency at The Little Pub as a result of drinking. What kind of statistic is that? So if everyone drank at the Little Pub every weekend (and nowhere else), there would never be an EMT emergency there? Actually, there probably wouldn't because we will all go back to our dorms and pass out with our heads resting against the toilet.

The reality of the situation is that social growth, whether the College agrees or not, includes drinking is also true. However, the sad fact is that at Hamilton, "social growth" (as it seems to be defined in that article) is LIMITED to drinking.

It goes on to state that the College's limitation of our alcohol is "trying to put a damper on the students' ability to socialize." Let's analyze this statement. Sure, we will all admit that alcohol makes you a little more social, perhaps a little less self-conscious, but DO WE NEED IT TO SOCIALIZE? Is our "ability to socialize" based on how much alcohol we've had? I constantly hear complaints that the parties here suck and that there is not much of a social scene. This is because everyone assumes that alcohol is a necessity for any social scene (especially ours).

We could easily change the social atmosphere if we wanted to. Everyone likes to say, from their respective seated positions, that it's the College's fault that things are the way they are. Is it the College's unwritten law that enjoyable social activity is only precluded by alcohol? No-that is purely our own misconception. It is far easier to blame the College for lacking a social scene than to actually do something about it. If it's such a big issue, why do we keep going to Bundy or North Court and seeing the same tired crowd and sticking to the same dirty floors?

I am not saying that if we all stop drinking we will have more fun. I am not preaching a social revolution. Not at all. If you get drunk every single night and have fun doing it, more power to you. But, if you go to these parties and come back complaining that it sucked and that there is no social life here, then simply stop going to the parties. Alcohol often times is fun, but it doesn't have to be the ONLY fun. As last week's article put it "We are young, energetic, enterprising individuals and that is one thing that the College can NOT take away from us." How right you are, the College cannot take it away from us, we can only take it away from ourselves.

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# Saddam's had his chance

ADAM HOGAN
ONLY IN AMERICA

Well, here we go again. Saddam Hussein is back to his old tricks again, testing the patience of the U.S. and other nations throughout the world. This time, his defiance of UN resolutions should not be negotiated or ignored, but met with swift military action by the U.S. and its allies. I am tired of seeing the world held at bay by a lunatic with his finger on a trigger with the potential to kill thousands.

Saddam has pushed the world to the brink of war too often. He is a psychopathic dictator on a power trip simply because he has the world focused on him at present.

It is necessary at this point in time to dispense with all diplomatic action and simply show him that he can not toy with the world and get away with it. We could be focusing on other problems with the world, but he has all eyes on him, again.

I believe this is happening because of a shortcoming of Operation Desert Storm in 1991. Coalition forces drove Iraq out of Kuwait, and then stopped. The United States and its allies should have pushed all the way to Baghdad, and made sure they removed Saddam Hussein from power. If they had, the world would obviously not have to deal with him now.

When questioned about his tactics, former President George Bush has consistently defended his actions in halting the operation after the Iraqi expulsion from Kuwait. He claims the mission objectives had been completed, and no further action was needed. On the other hand, retired General Norman Schwarzkopf has stated he wished he had the authority to send his troops into Baghdad in 1991. However, this point is now moot, and we must focus on the present situation.

My parents sent me the Sunday edition of New York Newsday, and as I sat down this evening to read it, I was quite disturbed to see the cover. It seems this past November, President Clinton signed a directive authorizing the deployment of low yield nuclear weapons against rogue nations, like Iraq. The weapons are substantially smaller than those developed during the Cold War.

These smaller nuclear weapons were designed to penetrate hardened bunkers with minimal nuclear fallout. One model penetrates the ground and then detonates, releasing little radiation into the atmosphere. The U.S. could effectively eliminate all suspected weapons sites with few casualties and no serious nuclear results. At the same time, Saddam Hussein would finally understand that the U.S. is not to be toyed with concerning weapons of mass destruction.

The problem now lies in the lack of global support for any form of serious military action. Support was far greater in 1990 after Iraq actually invaded. Now, the other nations are skeptical.

The situation is not helped by the fact that Iraq is starting to comply, but only to a very small degree. The time for agreement has passed, and now the U.S. must act in the best interests of the world.

I cannot help but think President Clinton loves this crisis. For once, the focus has been lifted from the sex scandal of the week. I do not think the diversion will last long. However, I think he will place far more importance on the Iraqi situation for as long as he possibly can. One could expect nothing less; after all, it is good politics. If there is a lighter side to this crisis, I think this is it!

So what is the next move? The U.S. should start with a series of well-targeted conventional missile strikes and see how Saddam responds. If he persists with his defiance, it may be necessary to take massive military action and remove him from power. I feel this is the only permanent solution to what seems to be a reoccurring problem with Iraq.

# A Pub-lic Disgrace

MATT DUBNO
A FIFTH OF FRESHMAN

The demons have struck again. I don't mean the demons that short out your computer the night before your 10-page paper is due. Nor do I mean the demons that cause you to wake up on Saturday morning in a room that is not yours. The demons in question are many times more pernicious. They are the gremlins that have inhabited the minds of Hamilton's administrators. When the decision was made last week to bar Hamilton's under-21 population from the Little Pub, on the heels of two edicts regulating what alcohol can be served at parties, the College instantly transformed itself into the No Fun Zone. The Little Pub used to be a spectacular alternative on weekend nights when the social spaces were uninhabited. Certainly it was a better alternative than the wonderful local bars. Instead of shivering on the steps of ELS, climbing aboard the jitney, touring the Clinton watering holes in a vain search for fellow students, and then going back up the Hill; one only used to have to walk to the centrally located Pub, find friends, and spend an enjoyable night in the company of acquaintances.

You never saw any problems at the Pub, it was impeccably managed, even on nights where you thanked God for not making you claustrophobic. The situation now has changed. Instead of the above scenario, if somebody wants to drink with friends, one must find a car, get down to the closest store, buy their favorite brand of carbonated malt beverage, and haul it back up the Hill, where they sit down and drink. No Fun Zone! There exists a limit on how many times you can watch "Animal House."

And now the administration has further turned the screw by banning kegs and punch at parties. I can sort of understand their position on punch. It takes a seriously screwed-up individual to spike punch with date-rape drugs. But why would somebody running a party want to knock out all the attendees? Seems like a very odd position to take. Unconscious people tend to hinder the cleanup process. Therefore, the administration decides to head the problem off at the pass and ban it. Perhaps they wish to avoid the inevitable lawsuit that would arise from spiked punch. Imagine the legal ramifications of somebody getting injured after drinking in the dorm. Not only would Hamilton College get sued, but litigation would be brought up against a host of others as well. So people who don't like beer (and there are a lot of them!) enter the No Fun Zone. Welcome, grab a Caffeine-Free Pepsi, and do your reserve reading.

The keg issue seems even more bizarre. The reasons for banning them are beyond me. Perhaps the administration would like bottles of beer at parties? I'm sure the Physical Plant does not want to spend their time cleaning up glass all over campus. Red plastic cups don't shatter all over the place. It's the same damn beer. Like the adage goes, "No matter how you slice it, it's still a tomato." From a semester of observing people at social gatherings, I have seen that people tend to drink a lot less at keg parties than when they're drinking out of bottles or cans. To me, it is inconceivable for beer to be served to more than ten people from anything but a keg. So ban beer, then? I can visualize the consequences, and they ain't pretty, folks. Welcome to the No Fun Zone! Anyone for Monopoly?

I, for one, think the people who make these rules should chill out a bit. If the regulation of certain things leads to less alcohol-related injuries, then I'm all for it. But the fact of the matter is, these countermeasures are going to hurt more than help the situation.

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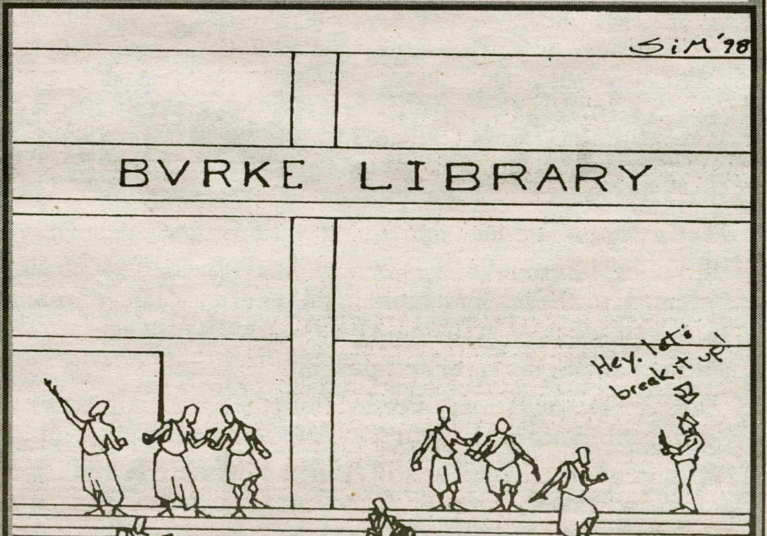


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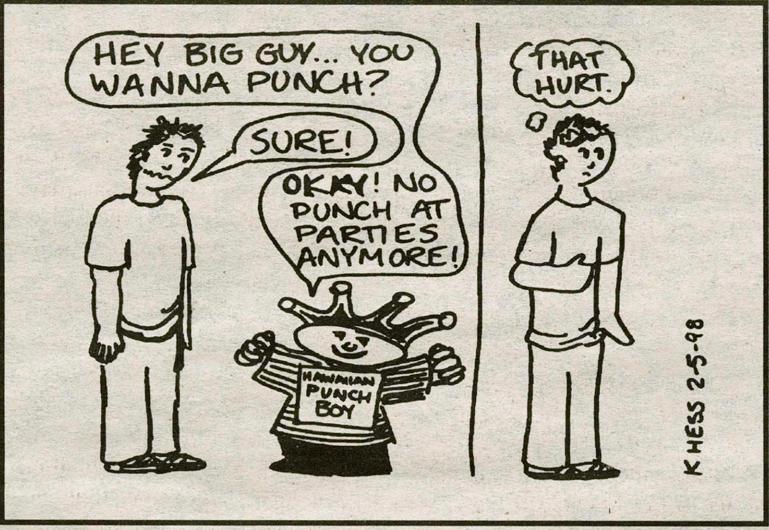
# Social life on a downward spiral




**AARON HEALEY**
THOUGHTLESS PHILOSOPHER

So the punch is gone. No houses, no punch, no fun...is there a pattern here? One can understand that the college feels responsible for its students well-being and therefore wants to ensure everyone's "health and safety." Well, don't touch the punch!

I would be surprised if any of those garbage cans filled withn Kool-Aid-esque, alcohol ridden, liquid brain cleaner are also laced with Rohypnol, a.k.a. roofies. It seems clear to anyone who has attended a party with punch, that if someone dropped roofies into the punch, he, and every one else in the room probably suffered the same blackout. The punch comes out of a big garbage can, as I said before, from which those serving it appear to indiscriminately distribute the magic puke serum. No doubt about it-the punch is hard core, but the indictment that societies, in particular the fraternities on this campus, are using it to commit date rape is a little extreme. The legitimate concern is really the amount of alcohol put into punch, something I am sure the college could find a way to regulate if they so desired. Instead, the college chose to get rid of punch outright. Another extreme from a group of extremists.

The problem is not merely taking away punch but it is the continual harassment of Hamilton social life. Part of our experience at Hamilton, or what was supposed to be part of our experience, was the social experimentation we would go through. We were to live and learn in an unsupervised social environment and see if we can survive. Do you have the discipline, self-restraint, and common sense to work in this environment and still find a way to enjoy it responsibly? Well, more and more it looks like our campus is becoming supervised by an over-protective group of surrogate parents. We may be young, but we are not stupid (at least that's what admissions keeps telling us).

The college needs to back off. Societies are on edge, fearing their every move is being watched and that destruction is upon them. Students fear that the social life here is in a downward spiral. This is a give and take relationship between the college and the students. We give them our parents money and they take away our lives. Seems fair.

So this weekend I'll probably find myself along with my fellow Hamiltonians waiting for a cold solo cup of flat Old Mil. We can laugh and belch through a conversation about the good old days of punch. Others will shed a tear for the houses now long gone. In a few years some students will probably be sipping on apple juice at the Acoustic Coffee House and reminiscing about that cup of Old Mil. The administration will probably find itself on a mix of prozac and Jack Daniels, wondering where all the students have gone.

## Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down

Holly Brown '00 & Jennifer Irvine '00

- Thumbs down: No smoking on bottom level of The Pub
- Thumbs down: Being single on Valentine's Day
- Thumbs down: Upcoming demolition of North Court
- Thumbs down: The gopher saw his shadow
- Thumbs up: Hockey triumph over Williams
- Thumbs up: Wednesday night Chi Psi parties
- Thumbs up: Men's swim team
- Thumbs up: Cheesy 80's movies

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# MOVIES IN REVIEW

## Spice World A-

COURTESY HOYT'S SANGERTOWN 8
SANGERTOWN SQUARE MALL

By Andrew McKay '00 & Rob Cavanna '00
A&E Writers

We knew what we wanted—what we really really wanted! In an attempt to SPICE up our lives we decided our Saturday afternoon would be best spent revelling in awe of that scaribabigeriposhisportilicious quintet of rambunctious pop-bunnies known as the almighty Spice Girls. Oh how our lives have changed. The muses have blessed each of these Brits with an identity so firmly defined that we were completely absorbed into their respective universes.

How innocent were the pacifier poopy diaper antics of Baby Spice. Oh the quandaries of Posh Spice confronting the mirror, hopelessly searching for the ultimate Gucci revelation.

Sporty Spice, she of the front snap kick, the back handspring sexercise.

Gerri Spice: boldly blessed with a crimson confectionery Willie Wonka enigma atop her Anglic countenance—a miracle of modern beauty prosthetics.

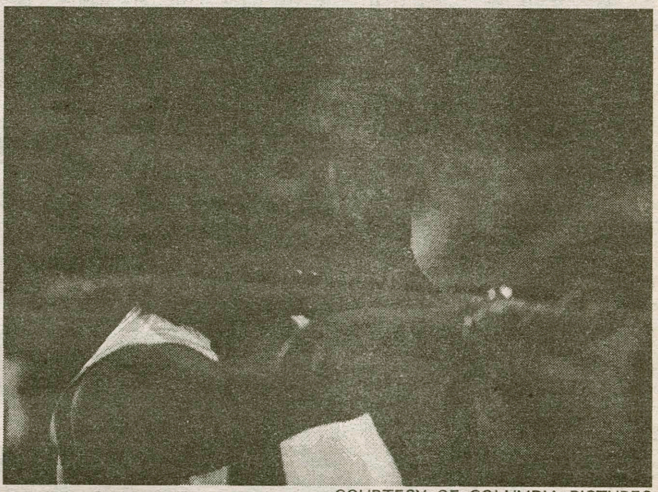
Scary Spice. . . . Roaaaar! SCARY!!!

Have you ever met Nelson Mandela? No? The Spice Girls have! Have you ever pinched Prince Charles' bum? You have? Well then you have indirectly touched a Spice Girl. Prepare for apocalyptic infections of Spice fever. The Spice Girls phenomenon has blossomed with political ramifications. Already, Posh Spice has erected alliances within the fashion industry, in her hopes of forming a transcontinental convoy to deliver the cutting edge in Euro-runway wear to third-world countries. Rumor has it, Scary Spice is involved in a top-secret program for the British Royal Army, training would be whimpy war-men in the deadly arts of Spice fury—Roooaaar!

COURTESY COLUMBIA PICTURES

Their latest mobilization of Girl Power, *Spice World*, is a platform sneaker of socially significant cinema. The story line is spiced with rampant moral virtues. Peggy Pigtails and Tracy Trainingbra, confused and intrigued by the sudden changes ravaging their prepubescent lives, will find an oasis of solace and guidance within the film.

*Spice World* explores the wonderful mysteries of femininity with an entire sequence dedicated to the pregnancy of their close companion. Facing reality and the responsibilities of friendship, the Spice Girls nearly miss their London concert to positively spice their friend through the agonizing throes of labor. Something to think about, Peggy and Tracy—for the time will come when Barry Backseat takes you somewhere, and you will have to decide if "tonight is the nigh-ight when two become one." Responsibility becomes a major theme in *Spice World*. We would like to take some time to expose several anomalies negatively spicing our experience of this film.



COURTESY OF COLUMBIA PICTURES

#1: Sporty Spice. Some thymes cinnamony and some thymes a dumbbell totting gorgon of garlic. What up with the inconsistency girlfriend?

#2: Gerri Spice. She screams for instantaneous expulsion from the Spice elite. What's so Gerri about Gerri? Lose the gimp! She won't shut her collagen-implanted lips either.

Baby is babyish. Sporti is sporti. Scary—Whoa! Yikes, tongue-piercing, *scary!*

#3: Posh Spice. We need more Posh spice! Posh spice for everyone!

The other four better get with it, cuz this spice is hot! We want the **Posh Spice Movie**, Posh in Parisian pubs misbehaving with the local riff-raff—*Les Miserables* style. Posh racing double decker buses on the autobahn. Daytona champagne supernova!

At the spicy heart of the film lies a very sincere message. No, not "girl power" or "spice-up your life" and not even "shake it to the left". . . the message is one of humility. Zen Spice. *It's the only way to be!* Above all, you must be able to laugh at yourself. That is exactly what the Spice Girls have achieved with *Spice World*. They have transcended the demon of their success and the vices of fame and vanity. Well, girls, you've done it! We're laughing at you —the whole world is laughing their knickers off at you. Thank you Spice Girls, for all the spice you've given us. Peggy Pigtails and Tracy Trainingbra thank you. Cheeriospice.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*Questions concerning the program? Contact David Gapp in Biology (ext. 4256, email: dgapp)*


# Ally McBeal: I love you

By Jim O'Shaughnessy '00
A&E Editor

I realized something over winter break while sitting in a room full of friends of mine at Dartmouth College, *Ally McBeal* is everything anyone could ever want in a television series. The show comes to us from the mind of writer David E. Kelley (*Picket Fences, Chicago Hope, The Practice*). Finally, a female television personality who doesn't need to be different to be amazing. Her simple beauty, wicked wit, and cute mannerisms have captured the attention of fans across this continent. I never watch television (and I am not just saying that), but Ally rocks my world, she rocks Boston, and everyone loves her.

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If you haven't seen Ally McBeal yet, allow me to enlighten you. Ally is played by Broadway actress Calista Flockhart. She joins a law firm in Boston, only to discover that her ex-boyfriend Billy (Gil Bellows) is already working there. It is sadly apparent early on that she is still in love with him. She struggles to find herself in the Boston scene, constantly looking for a "romantic man, seeing that Billy is married to a fellow lawyer, Georgia (Courtney Thorne-Smith). But, hyper-realistic flashbacks from her past haunt her sanity, and at times it seems Ally is going crazy and may never find the perfect match. (Hey, I'm right here!)

The show is full of soap opera dramatics, law firm intensity, and prime- time hilarity. Ally is easy to fall in love with because she always runs into disappointment, bad luck, and frustration. We can all relate. The show has surprisingly impressive dialog, because the lawyers actually sound like lawyers.

I must admit something though, I am madly in love with Ally McBeal. She is more impressive than Courtney Cox or Jennifer Anniston. There is no comparison, she's beautiful, charming, sucessful, and single. If the impressive ratings and crowds of drooling young men don't convince you to watch Ally, just look at the picture above. Now tell me she is not the most amazing person to bless the television screen.


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# Bela Fleck wailing away in Wellin Hall on February twenty-third

CHRIS MACHERA '00
A&E WRITER

Some bands hit the road to promote new albums, make a few extra bucks, or find roadies. Other bands, however, tour because it is what they love and who they are. Bela Fleck and the Flecktones is of the latter category.

"To play at my highest level," explains Bela, "I have to constantly exercise my hands and my brain. When I play all the time, it becomes like talking or breathing to me." And the banjo-driven trio has been getting more than their fair share of "exercise" lately, selling out an incredible average of 200 shows per year for the last eight years. They have played everywhere from large arenas to small clubs and have become a pleasant fixture on the American touring scene.

On stage, Bela Fleck display their wide range of musical ability with almost constant improvisation. They draw from nearly every musical style imaginable including jazz, rock, worldbeat, bluegrass, Latin, classical, reggae, and blues. Bela, though, tries to avoid the restrictions of musical categories, modestly calling himself a "world citizen."

The Flecktones' tours have taken them to places such as Ireland, Indonesia, South Africa, and the Phillipines. This experience shows up on their latest album, *Live Art*. The album contains several brand new tunes to complement old favorites such as "Sinister Minister" and "Flight of the Cosmo Hippo." Bela calls the new album, the band's fifth since signing with Warner Bros. Records in 1990, "the group's most honest recording, showing what we actually do on stage." The album has an incredible array of guest performers including Branford Marsalis, Bruce Hornsby, and Chick Corea.

The new album serves as a great taste of what is to come for Hamilton students when the Flecktones come to the Hill later this month. The album is full of powerful instrumentals including the Grammy-nominated "Big Foot." Most of their songs, and especially their instrumentals, allow for each musician to stretch out in a solo. The band takes full advantage of these solos experimenting with their instruments and staying on the cutting edge of the progressive music scene.

Bela Fleck plays the banjo, and his is a far different instrument from the banjos some may be familiar with. The opening song on *Live Art*, "New South Africa," for example, is a banjo version of South African music which Bela wrote on the band's sixteen hour journey to that country. Bela, in the same song, is able to draw on the classical potential of the banjo, and then smoothly flow into a fiddle or flippant tune and end matter-of-factly with the "Beverly Hillbillies" theme song, which he recorded for the 1993 feature film.

COURTESY BELA FLECK & THE FLECKTONES

The eccentric "Future Man" plays the Synth-Axe Drumitar. What's a Synth-Axe Drumitar? Well, it is an instrument that Future Man invented himself. It constructs "a richly textured collage of tone, nature sounds, and chant." As you may imagine, the result is an incredibly original compliment to the band's unique brand of Jazz.

The third member of the Flecktones is bassist Victor Wooten. The anchor of the band's sound, Victor's riffs mainly reveal the heavy funk one would expect from his instrument, although he too is able to pull off some interesting improvisations of his own as reflected in "Improv/Amazing Grace" in which he plays a jazzy version of the spiritual classic. He has broken the mold of the "auxiliary bass player" and has received top honors from Bass Players Magazine and the Nashville Music Awards.

The band's origins are no less original than their music. Bela graduated from Fiorello LaGuardia School of Music and Art in New York City and, after joining his first band in Boston in 1976, continued to move around, finding other bands in Kentucky and later, in Nashville.

Bela did not meet up with Victor and "Future Man" until 1988, when they filmed *The Lonesome Pines Special* for PBS using the name Bela Fleck And Friends. Bela's Nashville band, New Grass Revival, played their last performance opening for the Grateful Dead on New Year's Eve in 1989 and the newly joined Flecktones recorded their first album months later.

Since that first album, Bela Fleck and the Flecktones have only ascended in quality and acclaim. They have been nominated for six Grammy awards and Bela has consistently been named the Best Miscellaneous Instrumentalist by Jazziz over the last several years. They have performed with such artists as Stevie Wonder, Amy Grant, Phish, and Garth Brooks and for such shows as Conan O' Brien, David Letterman, *Good Morning America*, and the *Tonight Show*.

Sponsored by CAB, the Office of Multicultural Affairs, and the Black and Latin Student Union, tickets for Bela Fleck and the Flecktones went on sale last Monday. Tickets are now open to the entire campus at $10 and will open to the general public on Monday, Feb. 9th. Tickets, though, are limited to two per student so that all of you enterprising young capitalists will not be able to scalp tickets before the show. The show is on Monday, February 23rd at 8:00 p.m. in Wellin Hall.

# HOROSCOPES

## For The Week Of February 6 - 12

**AQUARIUS**
(JANUARY 21-FEBRUARY 19)
Craziness follows you around like a shadow. Remain calm and a period of normalcy will surely erupt. Don't be weary of all surprises, some are good and safe. Your lucky flying object is: a bee.

**PISCES**
(FEBRUARY 20-MARCH 20)
You've been acting a little impatient lately, try and take a look at yourself. People around you may be acting annoyed and it may be because of you. Think about others first this week. Your lucky status is: unemployed.

**ARIES**
(MARCH 21-APRIL 20)
You've come back this semester a changed person and it's doing wonders for your academics. Keep up the good work and the rewards will be amazing. Try and spend a little more time playing this week. Your lucky toy is: a drum stick.

**TAURUS**
(APRIL 21-MAY 21)
You've decided to give up all control this week, Taurus. Be careful, sometimes the last person you expect can become a control freak. Lately little things have been bothering you about this place, keep talking about them or else big problems will arise. Your lucky position is: shooting guard.

**GEMINI**
(MAY 22-JUNE 21)
You're using people for all the wrong reasons and soon enough they may figure out your plan. Gemini, you think you're so smart but you're getting lazy. Your lucky activity is: chatting with the neighbors.

**CANCER**
(JUNE 22-JULY 22)
Hanging out with old friends is always a joy for you, Cancer. Just don't forget that making a little effort can go a long way. Everyone is impressed with your dedication, keep it up. Your lucky food is: pizza.

**LEO**
(JULY 23-AUGUST 23)
Ho Ho Leo, Christmas (or other appropriate religious holiday) is coming really early for you this year. Expect a treasure that will make your week full of happiness. The cosmos is smiling at you, take full advantage while you can. Your lucky movie is: *Dolomite*.

**VIRGO**
(AUGUST 24-SEPTEMBER 23)
Virgo, this is a critical time for your inner child. With Valentine's Day rapidly approaching, it's time to tell that significant other what your true feelings are. Don't settle to be a wallflower, get off your couch and make things happen. Your lucky TV show is: *Jerry Springer*.

**LIBRA**
(SEPTEMBER 24-OCTOBER 23)
Your destiny has been a little skewed recently, Libra. It's time to stop digging ditches and start picturing good things. If your trouble has been on the romantic front, you can always enlist your roommates help to aid in the situation. Your lucky actress is: Sharon Stone.

**SCORPIO**
(OCTOBER 24-NOVEMBER 22)
The past few weeks of readjustment have been taxing on you, Scorpio. Now its time to show the rest of the campus just how deadly your sting can be. Jupiter's position is telling me that it's time for you to party, and party you shall. Your lucky soundtrack is: *Saturday Night Fever*.

**SAGITTARIUS**
(NOVEMBER 23-DECEMBER 21)
Sagittarius, you stud/studette! Since we last met, I believe that you have found some romance, its about time. Your transition from "Sleepless in Seattle" to "Swingers" has been good for your karma. Keep on this path, and all will be good. Your lucky sport accessory is: Knee-length tube socks.

**CAPRICORN**
(DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 20)
The stars are not quite clear about your destiny, Capricorn. However, I foresee a 75% chance that you will not meet with a tragic disaster during the next week. Eat plenty of Lucky Charms in the morning, and prepare for next week's Friday the 13th. Your lucky group is: The Squirrel Nut Zippers.

# Soul Sisters jazz it up in Minor Theater

BY JESSICA HUNT '01
A&E WRITER

On Saturday, February 7th and Sunday, February 8th, the Hamilton College Theatre Department will host two performances of the musical *Soul Sisters*, starring Vikki True and Jacque Tara Washington, in Minor Theatre.

Using music to bring people from different backgrounds together, *Soul Sisters* chronicles the struggle of two women, Sandra, a Jewish-American, and Chloe, an African-American, in their attempt to rediscover their roots. Set against the background of the civil rights movement, it follows the tensions between Jews and Blacks up to the present day.

Directed by Hamilton College Professor of Theatre Arts, Carole Bellini-Sharp, *Soul Sisters* features music by such renowned singer/songwriters as Billie Holiday, Debbie Friedman, Mark Elliot, and Rolsalie Gerut, among others. It is this music that allows these two women to rebuild their community after a tragedy threatens the ability for African-Americans and Jewish-Americans to live together in harmony.

The two actors, Vikki True, and Jaque Tara Washington, both have extensive vocal and acting backgrounds. True is a professional Jazz singer whose latest CD, *Little Bit of Love*, was released recently.

Washington, a member of the Actors' Equity Association, has taught acting at Hamilton and is currently teaching acting and music at the Central New York Community Arts Council's Arts in Education program. Washington is also celebrating the success of her debut CD, *World of Passion*, consisting of original R&B and Jazz compositions.

Tickets for *Soul Sisters* are $5.00 for adults and $3.00 for students. For more information please contact the Theatre department at X4057.

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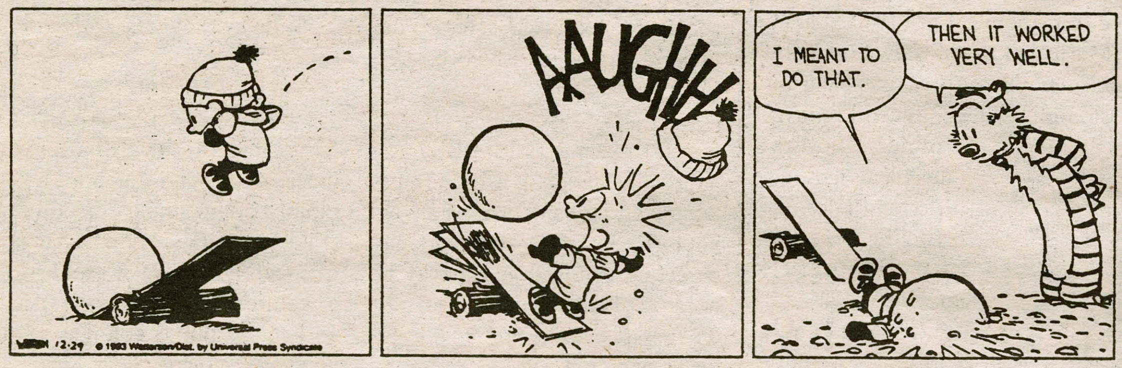
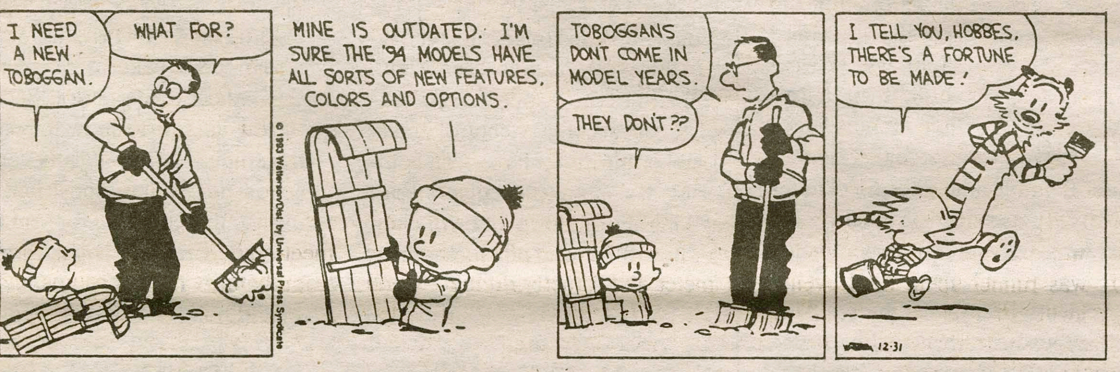
# Calvin and Hobbes

by BILL WATTERSON





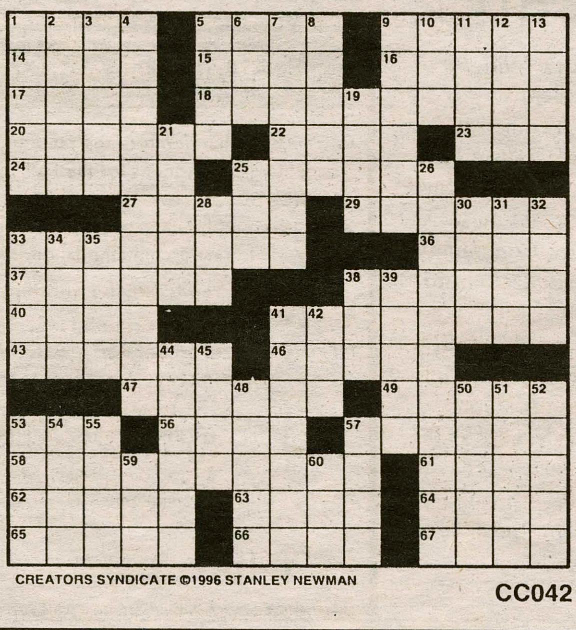

## CROSSWORD

**Campus Crossword**

**MAKING TRACKS** by Chuck Deodene
Edited by Stanley Newman

**ACROSS**
1 Tête-à-tête
5 Painter Chagall
9 Big name in TV talk
14 Fattening
15 On a cruise
16 Mania
17 Tapered sword
18 David Geddes song of 1975
20 Enthusiasm
22 Jethro __ of rock
23 Letters before esses
24 Depth-finding instrument
25 Haphazard
27 Desert beast
29 __ *17* (Holden film)
33 Eschewers of pleasure
36 Frost
37 Illinois city
38 Royal headband
40 French friends
41 "Call it in the air" event
43 Tranquillity
46 Gut feeling
47 Peabrain
49 Blood vessel
53 __ Lingus
56 Fraud
57 Strengthen by tempering
58 1959 Godard film
61 Hammerhead's kin
62 Bring together
63 Faucet problem
64 Gulf of __ (Arabian Sea arm)
65 Copier chemical
66 Dory propellers
67 Pacific goose

**DOWN**
1 Salad green
2 Zoo heavyweight
3 __ the hole (secret weapon)
4 Jack Jones song of '65
5 Trade center
6 Tempe school: Abbr.
7 Hertz offerings
8 Louisiana cooking style
9 Spotted cat
10 Be too inquisitive
11 __ avis
12 Sky color, in Paris
13 They're fowl
19 Delta 88 maker
21 Angry
25 VCR button
26 '76 Hoffman thriller
28 Cambridge sch.
30 Italian resort
31 Singer Ed
32 Precious stones
33 Not quite shut
34 A number of
35 Remove, as a coupon
38 Uproar
39 Like Cuzco ruins
41 Fantastic dream
42 Unconscious
44 Caroline, to John Jr.
45 Carve in stone
48 Ralph __ Emerson
50 *The Cloister and the Hearth* author
51 Occupied, as a seat
52 Solo
53 Share a border
54 Cube maker Rubik
55 Harness part
57 Nile reptiles
59 Consumed
60 Dubbed title



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## QUOTABLE QUOTES

"I've never grabbed nuts in a fight...But if I did, I could probably take them off."
-Jimbo Fog '01

"Don't come near me if you value your pelvis."
-Jimbo Fog '01, referring to a freshman girl that he bumped off a table while dancing

"Hey, nice panties Karl, can I borrow them some-time????!!!!"
-Zoe Kostoss '00 to Karl "Moose-ender" Mellander

"Since when does it matter who you sleep with!?"
-Anonymous First Year

"They're friends from my nudist colony."
-Kristen Daly '01

"It's like eating hash brownies instead of smok-ing up."
-Cynthia Fadem '01

"Let's talk about something less controversial....like homosexuality."
-Selene Hausman '01

"I just want to walk around naked with other naked people."
-Sara Brainard '01

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# Women's hockey at .500

By Elizabeth Crispino '01
Sports Writer

This past weekend, the Hamilton Womens' Hockey team faced off against Sacred Heart and Trinity. Expecting to win both, the team made some goals for the weekend: to score in the first period, to shutout their opponents in the first period, and to have at least twenty-five shots.

In their game against Sacred Heart, they came out fired up and ready to win, however, Sacred Heart prevailed 3-2 in overtime. Jenne Atherton '01 and Megan Stasz '01 both scored the only Hamilton goals in the first period. Deb Elvin '00 assisted Atherton, while Lex Slaunwhite '00 picked up the assist for Stasz. Sacred Heart was unable to score in the first period, but came back in the second and tied up the game 2-2.

> "We came out really strong in the third period, but it was too late. Backing off in the second period really hurt us."

In the third period, Hamilton dominated, but was unable to score. Going into overtime, the team was fired up, and kept the puck in Sacred Heart's defensive end. Unfortunately, Sacred Heart scored on a fluke goal to end the game. Coach Sue Tullock commented, "We came out really strong in the third period, but it was too late. Backing off in the second period really hurt us." Putney Haley '01 was strong in the net, making 34 saves.

The next day, the Continentals played an inexperienced, and inferior Trinity team, lashing them 5-2. Amy Rini '01 and Deb Elvin '00 led the scoring with two goals each. Rini's goals were both assisted by Amy Williams '99, while Elvin's first was assisted by Megan Stasz '01, and her second was unassisted.

Stephanie Payne '01 scored her first collegiate goal, assisted by Elvin. Coach Tullock says, "The girls played a good game, but they should have won by higher margin than 5-2. Trinity was a weak team, but I think that it was a good team to play to get back on track for the rest of the season."

This coming weekend, the Continentals face RPI and RIT in two rematch games this weekend.

Coach Tullock feels that, "in this past week, the team has practiced really hard and concentrated on fundamentals. We're ready to play RPI and RIT, who we lost to earlier in the season. We are looking to win these games to move us up in the rankings and gain confidence."

Tullock also plans to focus on the improvements that the defense has made during the season, becoming more confident to hold the blue line and be more aggressive.

Three of the goals scored this weekend were blue-liners, and this statistic is a testament to the strides that the team has made.

# Women's hoops continues struggle

By Frank Vinci '01
Sports Writer

The Hamilton Continental Women's basketball team played three difficult road games this past week. On Friday they met up with Bates, on Saturday they met the always difficult task of stopping Tufts, and finally on their three game road trip, the Lady Continentals traveled to William Smith.

Unfortunately the hard working and forever hustling Continentals dropped all three games. They lost to Bates 82-56, Tufts handed them their second loss in two days 83-55, and in the William Smith matchup the Lady Continental's were handed a loss in a lopsided battle 81-37.

In the loss to William Smith, Kelly McKeown ('00) had a spectacular game scoring 12 of her team 37 points. This loss was particularly difficult to take do to the fact that The Lady Cont's never gave up. Although the lead was in William Smith's hands from early on, the Continental's showed a lot hustle and hope as they attempted to come back against a stingy William Smith's defense.

One highlight that came out of the weekend was for Hillary Williams ('01). She was named to the UCAA Honor roll for her incredible work from the floor. She shot an incredible 8-8 in the two matchups.

Coach Diehl knows that better times are soon to come for her Continentals, "The freshman are starting to step it up a little and our continued injuries have undertaken a greater role on the team", Diehl continued, "which is great for future development".

The Lady Continentals' hope to stop their little skid on Friday, home against Trinity at 7:30.

# Men's swim team suffers tough loss

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Coleman of her solid performance.

Despite the efforts of multi-talented senior Captain Andrew Wintermuth, who won the 200 backstroke, finished second in the 200 breaststroke, and second in the 200 IM, the men still faced defeat for the first time this season.

Adam Bushnoe '99 was edged in the 50 freestyle by seven hundredths of a second and by three tenths of a second in the 200 fly. DJ Postles '00 put in a strong performance taking first in the 200 freestyle.

Shawn Murphy '01 made his presence felt as he triumphed in the 1000 freestyle and 500 freestyle and fellow teammate Alejandro Gentry '01 was runner-up in both events. The loss wasn't due to the failure of effort according to Murphy, "Even though we lost we still tried hard." The 400 freestyle relay team of Bushnoe, Postles, Dan Bordoni '01, and Steve Fontaine '01 leapt to first in the losing cause.

> "The men, undefeated going into the battle, fell on harder times losing by a mere point 122-121."

Scott Carlton '01 had his season's highest scoring dives, but still came up with only second place in both the 1 meter and 3 meter diving. "Good dives help a team significantly in the scoring," said Assistant Coach Kevin Makarowski. Unfortunately, Carlton had to face one of the nation's best divers from Union. Carlton followed up Saturday's performance by taking first in the 3 meter dive.

On Sunday, Hamilton hosted a diving invitational to help the divers prepare for the upcoming State Championship. The invitational allowed the divers to practice their full list of dives that they are normally not able to in regular dual meets. "I was really happy with my one meter dives, but my three meter dives were only fair," responded Coleman after she won the 1 meter dive.

Next up for Hamilton is RPI this weekend at home in Bristol Pool. The meet is the last of the year for both teams before Championships, and the team will honor this year's seniors.

# Track still cruisin'

*From Men's Track, page 20*

weight throw was sophomore Jeff Needham, who took an important second place in the event with a throw of 14.16 meters.

Rounding out the scoring in the weights was sophomore Dan Cooney took a sixth place in the shot, picking up important points for the team.

Coming off a meet in which she set the school record in the women's 500 meters, first year Kristin Daly looked to place well in the 400 meters. Daly, who two week before had qualified for the State and ECAC championships in her first college meet, outraced all of her competition to victory in 1:03.49.

Her 400 time was a scant 2 seconds off the school record and just two tens of a second off of qualifying for States and ECACs in the event.

The first-year scored more points for the team picking up another first place in the 200 meter, keeping the rest of the field well behind her.

Continuing to lead the men's team in scoring, Walt Sosa '00 came away a double event winner as he amassed points in the long jump, and the 55m meter dash before a hamstring pull sidelind bim.

Lyn Myrth '01 and Janet Davis '01 ran strong races in the women's 55 meter, finishing third and fifth respectively in the finals.

A hard fought battle in the men's 1000 meters saw first-year Scott Taylor and sophomore Joe Button take first and second, holding off charging opponents for a victory.

Coming off a meet in which she qualified for States and ECACs, Tara Woolford '99 raced to a second place finish in the women's 1500 meters. Her 5:00 flat effort, characterized by a quick, steady pace was good enough to qualify her for both of the championships in this second event.

Erin Ersenkal '98 and Phil Jennings '99 rounded out the strong performances in the middle distances.

The 1600 meter relay team of Kurt O'dell '98, Karl Bressler '01, Andy Cook '99, and Roy Sabo '00 placed a close second in a hard fought race.

Depth in the middle distances proved a boon for the team as Sam Brown '01 joined, Jennings and Taylor and Button in a successful bid to capture the 3200 meter relay.

Brown, who had already raced to victory in the 1500 meters, took an early lead which the team held throughout the race, completing the Hamilton victory.

The teams returns to the track with a meet on Saturday at Colgate. The invitational-style meet will include over seven teams from Division I and Division II schools with the Continentals being the only Division III competitor.

Both women's and men's teams are looking forward to stiff competition and fast times as they continue their preparations for the upcoming championship meets.

## This Saturday @ 2:30, tune into coverage of Men's B-Ball vs. Amherst on WHCL, 88.7.

## Intramural Sports 1998

### Basketball*

**"A" League**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Alpha Delta Phi | 2-4 | The Nasties | 3-2 |
| Browners | 3-1 | The Pokers | 4-1 |
| Chi Psi | 1-5 | Stars | 4-1 |
| Ghetto Style | 6-0 | Swistak Farms | 3-3 |
| Francophones | 0-5 | Team Zero | 3-3 |

**"B" League**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fightin' Irish | 3-2 | Surge | 0-5 |
| General Tso's Chicken | 2-2 | Elmo's Barrel of | |
| Ghetto Boyz | 1-3 | Monkeys | 2-3 |
| I Can't Believe It's Not Buttah | 1-3 | Girth | 4-1 |
| Miami | 4-0 | Satchmos | 3-2 |
| Mulligan | 1-3 | SHAFT | 2-3 |
| Type Wack | 3-1 | The Guillotine | 5-0 |
| | | The Mystics | 2-3 |
| | | TKE | 0-5 |

### Hockey*

**"A" League**

| | Record | PTS | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alpha Delta Phi | 0-3-0 | 0 | 4 | 25 |
| Sabotage | 3-1-0 | 6 | 29 | 8 |
| Strange Brew | 1-1-0 | 2 | 6 | 9 |
| Team Zero | 0-1-0 | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| The New Order | 2-0-0 | 4 | 14 | 6 |

**"B" League**

| | Record | PTS | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Castrovinci's Team | 0-4-0 | 0 | 10 | 27 |
| Ice Pirates | 2-1-0 | 4 | 13 | 4 |
| Jurassic Pucks | 1-0-0 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Team Hard Core | 3-0-0 | 6 | 21 | 7 |
| Team TKE & the Crackheads | 1-1-0 | 2 | 7 | 11 |
| The Iceholes | 1-2-0 | 0 | 13 | 16 |

## This Week In Hamilton Sports

| | Men's Hoops | Women's Hoops | Men's Hockey | Women's Hockey | Men's Squash | Women's Squash | Indoor Track & Field | Swimming |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fri. Feb 6 | Trinity 7:30 pm | Trinity 7:30 pm | Salem State 7 pm | | | | | |
| Sat. Feb 7 | Amherst 3 pm | Amherst 3 pm | Southern Maine 3 pm | Rensselaer TBA | | | @ Colgate w/ Canisius 11 am | Rensselaer 2 pm |
| Sun. Feb 8 | | | | RIT 11:30 am | | | | |
| Mon. Feb 9 | | | | | | | | |
| Tues. Feb 10 | Skidmore 8 pm | Skidmore 6 pm | | | | | | |
| Wed. Feb 11 | | | | | Colgate 4 pm | | | |
| Thur. Feb 12 | | | | | | | | |
| Fri. Feb 13 | Wesleyan 7:30 pm | Wesleyan 7:30 pm | Connecticut 7 pm | | | | | |

Indicates Home Game (shaded) — Indicates Away Game

## Beat the Experts

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our devilishly handsome Sports Editors, Elliott and Jason, as well as his or her picture in *The Spectator.*

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| **NHL** | | | | | |
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| New Jersey at NY Islanders 2/7 | Devils | Devils | Devils | Devils | Devils |
| Chicago at Dallas 2/7 | Stars | Stars | Blackhawks | Stars | Stars |
| Detroit at St. Louis 2/7 | Blues | Red Wings | Red Wings | Red Wings | Red Wings |
| Los Angeles at Anaheim 2/7 | Mighty Ducks | Mighty Ducks | Mighty Ducks | Mighty Ducks | Kings |
| **NBA** | | | | | |
| East vs West 2/8 | East | West | East | East | West |
| Orlando at Indiana 2/10 | Pacers | Pacers | Pacers | Pacers | Pacers |
| LA Lakers at Portland 2/10 | Lakers | Lakers | Lakers | Lakers | Lakers |
| Indiana at Miami 2/11 | Heat | Heat | Pacers | Heat | Heat |
| Seattle at San Antonio 2/11 | Sonics | Spurs | Sonics | Sonics | Sonics |
| **College Basketball** | | | | | |
| Stanford at Connecticut 2/7 | Huskies | Huskies | Huskies | Cardinal | Cardinal |
| Iowa at Michigan State 2/7 | Spartans | Spartans | Spartans | Hawkeyes | Spartans |

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# George and mighty Casey

Jason Santarcangelo — From The Front Office

**Meddling in...**

When New York Yankees owner, **George Steinbrenner,** meddles in team affairs, it has always proved hazardous to the health of the team. Last season there was the all out pursuit of **Hideki Irabu**, who failed to live up to his billings in the major leagues.

The examples are endless, and could fill this entire column. More interesting, though, are the comments that Steinbrenner made at the end of a successful 1997 campaign. "I'm going to lay back,'' he said. "... I'm getting to old to go through all of this.'' A Yankees' fan wildest dream ended as the off-season began.

There was the exodus of third basemen **Wade Boggs** and **Charlie Hayes**, stalled contract talks with All-Star center fielder **Bernie Williams** (who will be a free agent at the end of the year), and the depature of pitcher **Dwight Gooden**. As the Cleveland Indians mounted a formidable squad, the boss felt the mounting pressure from the New York media and fans.

Steinbrenner acted quickly and decisively by forcing out General Manager **Bob Waston** earlier this week despite the fact that he guided the Yankees to two consecutive 90+ win seasons, playoff-births, and a World Championship in his 1st season.

During his 25-year tenure, Steinbrenner has changed managers 20 times and general managers 14 times. Brian Cashman, who has spent the last four seasons as the Yankees Assistant GM, will become the Yankees 16th GM since 1973.

While many, including the recently departed Watson, criticize Steinbenner's involvement with team, I believe the boss might have finally interceded at the right time.

People close to the Yankees are reporting that the team will announce by tonight that they have acquired Minnesota Twins shortstop **Chuck Knoblauch** in exchange for four minor league prospects and $3 million in cash.

The Yankees are now close to being the best team (at least on paper) in the American League. Sure, there is a gap at third base and a starting pitching staff, that beyond 25 year-old left-hander **Andy Pettitte**, is shaky at best (until they prove otherwise). With the acquisition of Knoblauch, the Yankees have inched closerand now may be sonsidered contenders.

Knoblauch, 29, a lifetime .304 hitter, hit .291 last season, scoring 117 runs while recording a career-high 62 steals. In seven seasons with Minnesota, Knoblauch has scored 713 runs and stolen 276 bases. The middle of the Yankee infield can be considered one of the best (and youngest) with Knoblauch at second and 23 year-old **Derek Jeter** at shortstop.

With spring training just a little more than two weeks away, watch for Cashman and Steinbrenner to make several more roster moves to make sure, on paper, the Yankees are the best team in major league baseball.

**The right to drive a cart.**

**Casey Martin** is the 25 year-old disabled golfer who is currently suing the Professional Golf Association for the right to use a golf cart during PGA sanctioned events. Martin suffers from Klippel-Trenaunay-Weber syndrome; a circulatory ailment causing chronic pain, which has been present since birth.

Martin, who must take prescription medication to help slow the bleeding in his leg and Advil several times a day to help control the pain, is suing the PGA under the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) and is currently in Federal Court in Eugene, Oregon. According to Martin's doctor, **Donald Jones**, Casey is at risk for a leg break in almost every activity. Excessive bleeding could lead to amputation.

Before Martin went to court he made a stop on Capitol Hill to meet with **Senator Tom Harkin**. Former **Senator Bob Dole** (whose wounds from World War II left him with a withered right hand) called Martin to Washington to offer his support. **Greg Norman**, recently called Martin and according to Martin said, "he said he hopes I get the cart." The California legislature recently passed a resolution in support of Martin.

Public support for Martin has continued to swell after he won the Nike Tour's first tournament of the year at the Lakeland (Florida) Classic and used a cart. The following week, using a cart again, Martin proved he was human when he missed the cut at the South Florida Classic, the second stop on the Nike Tour.

The PGA Tour contends allowing him a cart would give him an unfair advantage over other golfers. Defending the PGA Ken Venturi, former US Open Champion and commentator for CBS for the last 31 years stated that allowing anyone to use a cart would drastically alter the game. "I'm not here to go against Casey Martin. I have the greatest admiration for him," Venturi said. "But the idea is changing the rules. Where do you draw the line? It's not about one person. Walking is part of the game."

Martin contends that walking is not an essential part of the game, nor that allowing him to use a cart gives him an unfair advantage. "Golf is about hitting a shot," Martin contended.

While the court will have the final word, it has become apparent to me that Martin's request to use a cart on the PGA Tour is not unrealistic. He is already at a disadvantage before he even tee's up his ball on the first hole. While the other PGA Tour players must walk about five miles in a given round, they do not have to battle with a disability.

According to Martin's estimates, he walks about one-quarter of the course, meaning that, in the course of a day, he would walk approximately 1.25 miles. By allowing Casey Martin to use a cart, I contend that it would not alter the game of golf forever, nor give Mr. Martin an unfair advantage over other golfers.

# The Spectator Athlete of the Week

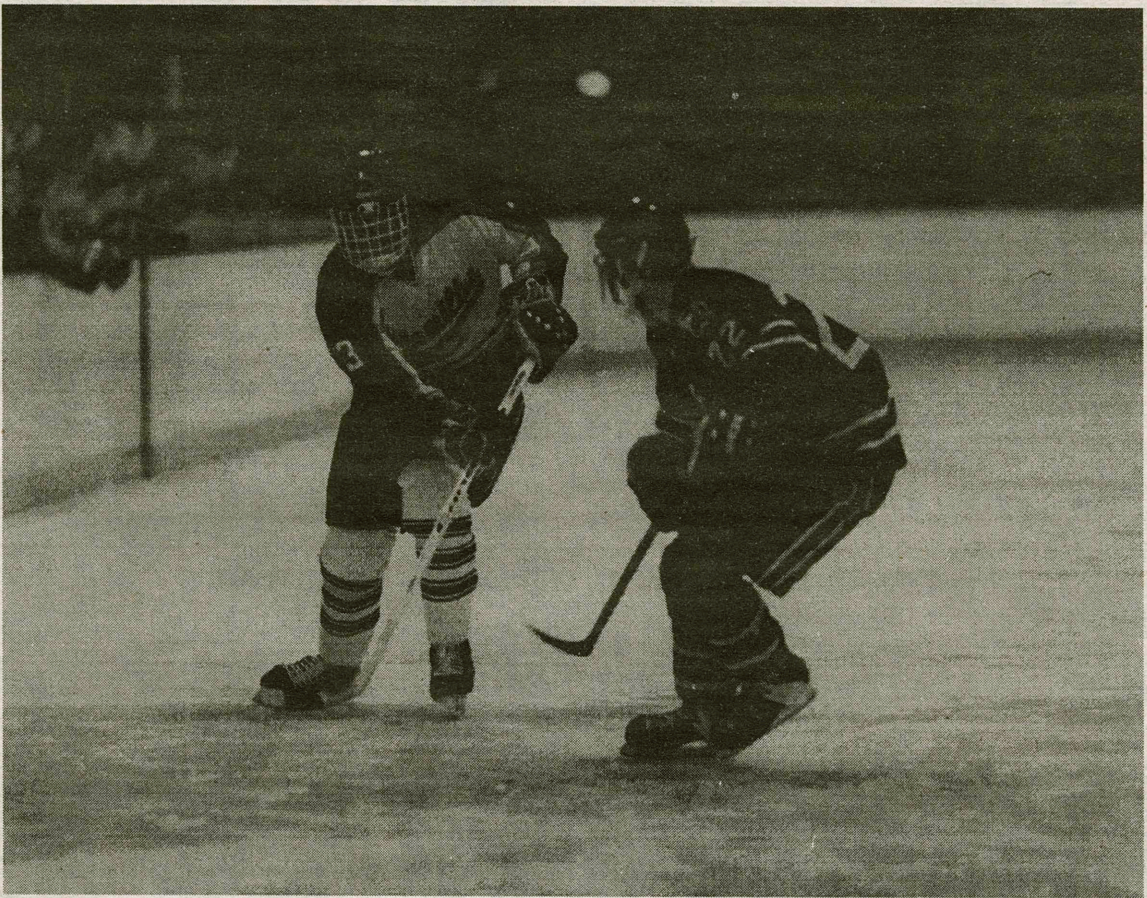
By Chris Nadler '01
Sports Writer

John Whitwell is a senior here at Hamilton College, and is a captain for both the hockey and the golf teams. He says his role on the hockey team has changed since he became a captain because everyone looks to him not only for his performance in the games, but also to lead the team. John fulfills both of these expectations, and excells.

His hockey career started in Canada when he was five years old. He had an ice rink in his backyard during the winter, and during the summer he played street hockey. Basically, his training routine for hockey was playing every chance he got, and playing hard. All the hard work paid off when John began to play for his local "junior" hockey team in Ontario.

When he came to Hamilton he noticed some major differences between college level hockey and "junior" hockey. He says that the game here is much quicker, but it is also a lot cleaner.

John fondly recalls the fighting that went on during "junior" hockey games, but says that the cleaner style of play in college gives the players an opportunity to focus exclusively on the game. Another thing John appreciates about playing hockey at Hamilton is the fan support. He says the entire team plays better when the rink is full of screaming and cheering college students.



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**John Whitwell has provided stable defense for the Continentals these past four years.**

John has learned a lot from playing hockey, but the most important thing he has learned is that hard work pays off. That lesson is evident in the way he plays the game. He has worked hard at it all his life and his skilled level of play is the result. That is the kind of guy John Whitwell is.

He is willing to go all out to play well. He doesn't let injuries or pain stand in his way, nor does he let exhaustion and fatigue get the best of him.

This attitude is demonstrated by John's role model, brother Todd Whitwell '92, who also played hockey for Hamilton. John says his older brother has always looked out for him and he would like to follow in his footsteps.

When asked how he thought the hockey team was doing this season, John said that the team started off slow partially due to many games on the road, but now their play has come together and they have had five straight wins.

Whitwell hopes they can keep their power through the playoffs, which he expects they will because they are such a well-rounded team. He says the whole team is very hard working, and everyone is able to contribute.

John's career at Hamilton has gone well. He has a total of ten goals, thirty one assists, and forty one points. He is a valuable asset to the Hamilton defense and to the team in general. Joshua Jackson, the team manager says of John Whitwell: "John's great, he plays hard every game and hits people."

# Continentals crush Hobart

## Schantz drops 34 points and collects 15 boards

By Peter Ringel '01
Associate Sports Editor

After winning 8 of their last 10 games, the Continentals are poised to make a run at the NCAA Tournament. The men's basketball team is currently ranked number 6 in the East Region, though the Continentals defeated the current number 1 team, St. Lawrence, last week.

Tri-captain Michael Schantz '99 showed the Hobart fans why he is one of the best all-around players in the conference with his dominating performance. Schantz led all scorers with 34 points while also pulling down a game-high 15 rebounds.

Center Jon Schmiegel '99 played one of his best games of the season scoring 15 points, grabbing 14 rebounds, and dishing out 4 assists.

"We played well together as a team, and we put them away early," said Schantz. "Jon [Schmiegel] played outstanding and helped stop their best player. He also got a lot of rebounds, and I was very impressed."

One area which improved tremendously for the Continentals was their free throw shooting. The significant improvement for the Continentals was impressive as they shot 11-14 (79%) from the charity stripe. Hamilton delivered a fantastic first half of basketball, leading 42-30 at the break. Their lead was never really in jeopardy in the second half, as Hobart only cut the lead to 12 with five minutes remaining, but could get no closer.

Bates knew they were in trouble from the moment they walked into the Scott Field House a day after Tufts had handed Hamilton an awful loss.

The Continentals led 50-35 at the half and never looked back. In the first half, Schantz led all scorers with 11 points, and every Continental saw action. At one point, the Continentals had almost all reserves on the floor, including Jim DiNardo '00, Mark Viviano '99, and JD Deason '99. These players helped preserve the large lead, and secure the victory for the Continentals who defeated the Bates Bobcats 107-73.

The Continentals shot an impressive 53% from the floor for the game. Schmiegel had another majestic performance as he shot 9-13 from the field finishing with 21 points and also hauled down 15 rebounds. Schantz finished the game with 18 points and Thorpe, who was still nursing a sore ankle and was glad to get the extra rest, added 13 points.

"It was definitely fun," remarked a joyous Thorpe after the win. "Everyone played well. We got the ball inside early and they couldn't stop Schantz and Schmiegel, so they kicked the ball outside and we made our shots."

After the superb victory over St. Lawrence on January 27th, the Continentals suffered a devastating loss to Tufts. "It was an amazing shot," said Schantz. "We were up 8 with a couple of minutes left and let them sneak back into it. We played well enough to win, but it didn't go our way. It's hard to shake off a loss like that, but we did do a good job against Bates."

Tufts defeated Hamilton on a last-second shot. The Continentals caught a break when Marc DeBevoise missed two free throws with 17 seconds left for Tufts, and the Continentals grabbed the rebound. Kevin Thorpe held the ball for the Continentals until the clock ticked down to seven seconds. Thorpe then passed the ball to Schantz (35 points, 14 rebounds) at the top of the key, and Schantz drove to the hoop where he was met in the lane by Tufts senior guard Brian Skerry (35 points, 10 assists). Skerry stole the ball from Schantz (although it appeared that Schantz was fouled) with two seconds left and launched a half-court shot which miraculously went in, handing the Continentals a 94-91 loss.

In the loss, Thorpe had 19 points and six rebounds. He also surpassed Scott Pace for second place on Hamilton's career three-point list. It was Thorpe's 142nd three-point basket. Guard Max Stroman '99 added 12 points in the loss, and Jon Schmiegel helped out with 15 points.

The weekend should be interesting as the Continentals go on the road to play Trinity and Amherst. These two games will help determine the Continentals' seed in the NCAA tournament. In addition, the games will be used as a measuring stick for Coach Murphy's team to see how it stacks up to tough NESCAC competition.

# Women's squash at 6-9; men lose close match to Penn State

## Wildman goes 4-0 for weekend

By LD Platt '01
Sports Writer

The men's and women's squash teams were both away this weekend. The men's team played at Cornell against teams from Cornell and Penn State. They were both hard fought matches ending in losses.

The loss to Penn State with a final score of 5-4, "was a tough one to swallow," stated coach Bill Austin. The four matches were won by Owen Grant '98, Thomas White '98, Dave Beslow '00, and Matthew Thornton '98.

Their match against Cornell was not quite as close though. They lost that contest 9-0, with Justin Lew '99 winning the only game against Cornell. "It was a fun experience," stated Lew, despite the loss.

The men have five matches remaining, including two against Colgate home and away, and against the squash powerhouse Western Ontario, not to mention Stevens Tech this Saturday.

Their last regular season match is an away game against Rochester. Then, after closing out the regular season, they will travel to Princeton for the National Championships. Coach Austin said that the match against Western Ontario "should be a fantastic experience."

Justin Lew added, "There has been better intensity and now we know what we have to do in order to win." Austin also stated that, "That they have a good chance to win a majority of their remaining matches."

The women's team has had a meager season. They traveled to Mt. Holyoke and Smith and returned from both with wins. The win came against Bard College on Saturday, however they lost their other three matches against Connecticut College, Wesleyan, and Franklin and Marshall.

The Continentals defeated Bard 9-0. With their one win and three losses, the women's record stands at 6-9 with the National Championships at Yale in less than 10 days.

The outstanding player of the weekend was Eileen Wildman '01 who went 4-0 individually on the weekend.

Along with Wildman, Sayako Shibazaki '00 and Azure Davey '00 also played very strong this week-end-with Shibazaki winning at the number one position against Connecticut College and Davey beating the Williams' number six player.

Coach Austin also mentioned several variables that have affected the second half of the women's season. "We have lost five out of our top nine players and now we have a dramatically different team."

He pointed out that they lost to Williams 7-2, not only this past weekend, but also in December and he seemed to think that they would have had a fairly good shot of beating Williams had those five players been around.

The women will have an intense week and a half of practice in preparation for the upcoming National Tournament.

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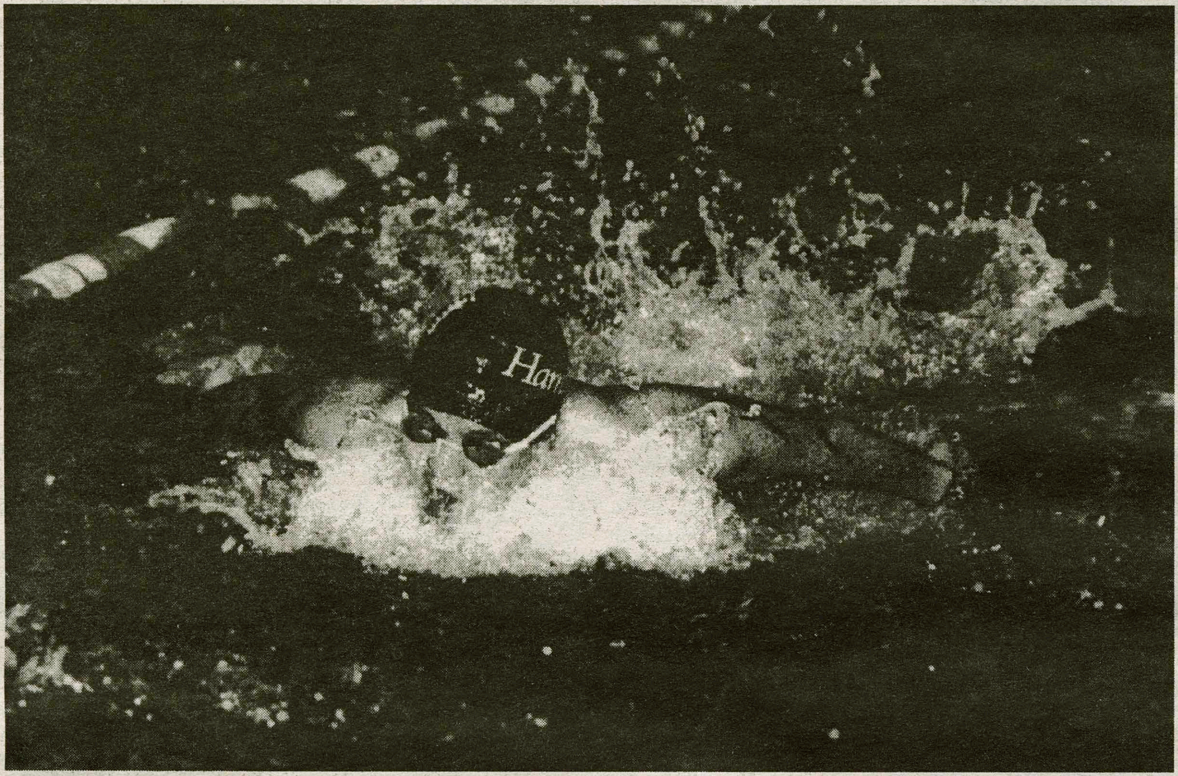
# Women's swimming picks up second win; men lose close one to Union



**Men's swimming lost by one point to Union.** PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

By Seth Crossman '01
Sports Writer

After losing by more than two hundred points at the UACC Championships earlier this season, the Hamilton women's swim team avenged that loss by beating Union 133-110. "That is the way a meet is supposed to be," said a happy Coach David Thompson. "We are at the point where we should be and we all did what we needed to," said Senior Captain Maura Gorman of her team's performance.

The men, undefeated going into the battle, fell on harder times losing by a mere point 122-121. "Losing the meet was good in a way for now they will want it a little more," said Thompson referring to the State Championship hosted by the Continentals where the men will face Union again.

Gorman led the women, capturing first in the 200 backstroke, third in the 200 freestyle, and helped Captain Lisa Horner '98, Emily Pietropaolo '01, and Holly Brown '00 to first in the 400 medley relay. Horner continued to set an example as she placed second in the 200 breaststroke and Brown finished second in the 200 freestyle.

Meghan Steed '99 was determined to take nothing less than first place as she won the 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, and anchored the 400 freestyle relay team consisting of Amy Ryan '00, Jennifer Kunz '01, and Erica Ball '01 which also placed first.

Erica kept the "Ball" rolling as she finished first in the 500 freestyle and second in the 1000 freestyle. Pietropaolo placed second in both the 200 IM and the 200 fly while Lauren Ivison '01 rounded the meet off by taking first in the 1000 freestyle and third in the 500 freestyle.

In the diving scene, freshman Emily Coleman plunged into second in the 1 meter and 3 meter diving. "I tried some newer ones [dives] so I was happy with my dives," said

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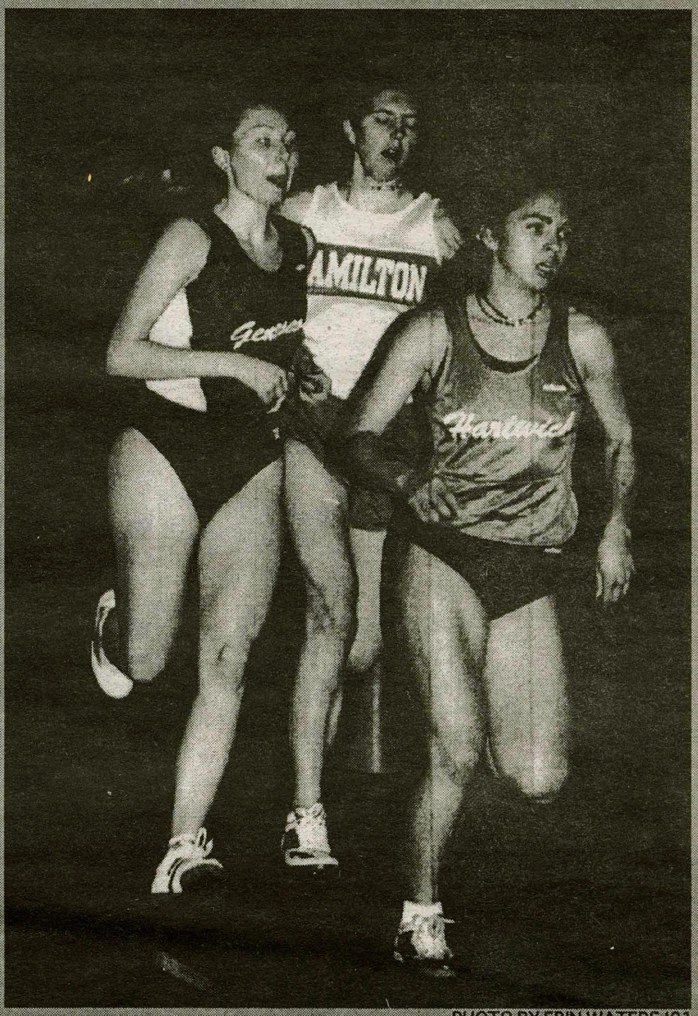
# Men's track moves to 9-0



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**Emily Hill '01 finishes a come from behind victory.**

By Matt Nolan '98
Sports Writer

The Continentals men's track team continued its undefeated run last Sunday topping five other teams in a solid victory. The women's team, behind several strong individual performances, fisnished third among the six teams competing. The Sunday meet proved productive for the men, as the throwers, jumpers, and runners consistently outscored their opponents driving them to convincing victories over SUNY Brockport, Ithaca, Sienna, SUNY Oswego and Alfred.

On the men's side, Senior Bob Fish, already qualified for the ECAC and State Championships, started the team off well, taking a second place in the men's shot. Finishing ahead of Fish in the

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# Men's hockey downs rival Williams 3-1

By Dave Bolger '99
Sports Writer

The Continentals couldn't have picked a better time to get hot. Just a few weeks ago, Hamilton was a game below .500 and in desperate need of wins. Five consecutive wins later, the Cont's find themselves 10-6-2, sitting fifth in the ECAC East standings.

With only five games remaining, Hamilton is playing their best hockey of the season. Their winning streak started with UMASS-Boston and Babson, and continued this week with wins over St. Anselm, New England College, and Williams.

Against St. Anselm, Hamilton enjoyed its most productive game offensively this season. The 10-3 win saw fifteen of the eighteen Continentals register a point. Leading Hamilton was Zac Sweetland '99 (2G, 1A) and Darren Johnston '99 (1G, 1A) each picking up three points on the night.

The next day against New England College was a tighter game. Hamilton got on the board first when Chris Baudo '00 scored with less then a minute to go in the first period. Baudo's goal gave him 16 points on the season, tying him for the lead with Rob Rigg '99.

The only scoring in the second half was New England forward Ryan Donahue's game-tying goal at the seven minute mark. The Conts regained and sustained the lead early in the third when David Webb '98 took a Joe Zorumski '00 pass and scored the game winner.

Mike Phalen '00 added an insurance goal late in the third to give Hamilton a 3-1 win. Scott Grenier '00 was stellar in net against New England making 31 saves.

The weekend sweep set the stage for Hamilton's biggest game of the year. Tuesday night the Conts took on ECAC East leading Williams College. Coach Phil Grady preaches an aggressive style of play, and stands by his belief that if Hamilton plays aggressive, they can play with any team in the league. Tuesday's game proved Grady right.

From the first drop of the puck, Hamilton out-hit, out-hustled, and just plain out-played Williams. Luckily for the Purple Cows however, they had goaltender David Hamison who was awesome in the net, making big save after big save. Hamison was able to keep Hamilton out of the net for the first period, and a Williams power-play goal gave them a 1-0 lead after one period of play.

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Hamison continued his unbelievable play in the second, keeping the puck out of the net. That was until John Manley '00 banged home a deflected pass from Brian Guastella '98. Manley's goal gave him his eighth point in nine games.

"My line is playing really well," Manley stated, crediting his teammates for his recent success, "we're really starting to click and have fun." Manley's goal was the only one of the second period, leaving the game knotted at one after the second period.

In the third, Hamilton jumped out early and scored two goals in the first 5:30 of play. Webb scored the game-winner, his second game-winner in as many games, just a minute and a half into the period when he one-timed a feed from Manley.

A few minutes later, Trevor MacArthur '98 rocketed a slap shot from just inside the blueline over Hamison's shoulder for some insurance.

From there, Hamilton's physical play kept Williams from generating any offensive, and Hamilton won 3-1. While Williams' Hammison finished with 52 saves, Brent Davey '00 wiped out any doubt that he's still suffering from injury, stopping 22 of 23 shots. "He's getting hot at the right time," Grady said of Davey.

Not only is Davey getting hot at the right time, but the whole team is getting hot. The Conts will look to stay hot this weekend in two tough matchups. They face Salem State tonight in the Sage at 7 pm and Southern Maine tomorrow at 3 pm.

## Scorecard

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| Men's Hoops | 9-6 |
| Women's Hoops | 3-12 |
| Men's Hockey | 10-6-2 |
| Women's Hockey | 6-6-1 |
| Men's Squash | 7-7 |
| Women's Squash | 6-9 |
| Men's Track & Field | 9-0 |
| Women's Track & Field | 5-4 |
| Men's Swimming | 5-1 |
| Women's Swimming | 2-4 |